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BLOCKBUSTER CONTEST AGAINST FAMILIAR FOES

India have the chance to make a big statement against Pakistan in their first match at the Asia Cup on Sunday

BATTLE OF SPINNERS

India are well stocked with Yuzvendra Chahal, R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja. For Pakistan, Usman Qadir and Shadab Khan will do a lot of heavy-lifting. Shaheen Afridi & Jasprit Bumrah are missing.

EYES ON AZAM & KOHLI

It's hard to not state the one obvious contest even if it won't be a direct confrontation. One is in-form, the other took a break to recharge his batteries, yet their roles will be crucial

INDIA'S NEW-FOUND APPROACH

After being an analog batting unit in the digital age, the new management have come with a more modern, front-foot, top-heavy approach. That's paid off in the assortment of matches they have played since the T20 World Cup but it faces a stiff test against a high-quality bowling attack | P11



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As China threat deepens, Army sharpens LAC focus

Infrastructure, capacity building in full swing along border areas

MYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

WHILE the India-China border dispute remains unresolved, the Indian Army is slowly but surely heightening its focus on the Line of Actual Control. According to highly placed sources, the focus currently is to build better infrastructure and procure equipment to support the forces deployed in the high-altitude terrain. "There is a focused review of the infrastructure and the capacity building all along the northern borders," said a senior official.

The Army's focus on the LAC gained traction after Lt Gen Manoj Pande chose Ladakh to be the first location to visit after taking over as the Chief of Army Staff in April. Again, in June, he went on a three-day forward area visit to Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

India and China have been locked in a protracted stand-off in eastern Ladakh since May 2020. Although disengagement has taken place in some areas, troops are reportedly still present at Hot Springs, Depsang and Demchok.

India is also raising the



weapon profile by adding modern offensive systems and working on the faster mobility of troops. According to military sources, India takes the threat on the northern borders extremely seriously.

The Army is in the process of procuring 18 Articulated All-Terrain Vehicles for mobility and mounted artillery guns to be deployed along the LAC.

Military experts are gung-ho about India's moves. "If you don't want China to launch an offensive, you have to make them realise that not only can you withstand their offensive but can also come down heavily on them," said Major General S B Asthana (Retd).

'India can help counter China'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

The US looks at India as a crucial partner to counter China's expansionist ambitions, according to America's highest-ranking Navy officer, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Mike Gilday. "The fact that India and China currently have a bit of a skirmish along their border... is strategically important," Gilday said at an event in Washington.



According to a recent report by *Nikkei Asia*, US strategists believe the border clashes between India and China pose a two-front problem for Beijing. In other words, a strong India can disrupt China's plans to invade Taiwan.

Gilday's comments come ahead of the India-US military exercise in Uttarakhand near the China border in October.

Driver, domestic help, secretarial staff among freebies for SC judges

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

LIFE after retirement has become more comfortable for Supreme Court judges as the Centre further amended the Supreme Court Judges Rules, 1959. According to the latest changes, retired Chief Justices of India will get lifetime domestic help, chauffeur and secretarial assistant, besides round-the-clock security cover at home and a personal guard for five years.

In the case of other retired SC judges, they will get lifetime domestic help, chauffeur and secretarial assistants for lifetime but the 24x7 security cover at home and personal security guard will be available only for a period of three years from the date of retirement.

The rules were earlier amended on August 23 to offer domestic aides and secretarial assistants to Supreme Court judges for one year from the date of retirement.

The benefits have now been made lifetime. The latest amendments also offer retired CJIs a type-VII rent-free accommodation in Delhi (usually provided to MPs who have been former Union ministers) for six months from the date of retirement. This is in addition to the official residence.

Further, the government will bear up to ₹42,000 plus taxes per month as expenses incurred by retired SC judges, including CJIs, as charges for use of residential telephone, mobile phone, broadband, mobile data or data card. That's not all. If they are travelling by air, a retired CJ or a retired judge of the top court is already provided a "higher grade" security on the basis of threat perception, "the higher grade security already provided shall continue".

can make use of the ceremonial lounge facilities offered by airports across the country free of cost. If a retired CJ or a retired judge of the top court is already provided a "higher grade" security on the basis of threat perception, "the higher grade security already provided shall continue".

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U U Lalit sworn in as 49th Chief Justice of India

New Delhi: Justice Uday Umesh Lalit was on Saturday sworn in as the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI). President Droupadi Murmu administered him the oath during a brief ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. As the CJI, Justice Lalit will have a tenure of 74 days and would demit office on November 8 on attaining the age of 65 years.



Justice U U Lalit takes oath of office at the Rashtrapati Bhavan | P11

Shivamogga stabbing accused has links with banned JeM

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

MOHAMMED Zabiullah (30), the main accused in the stabbing of Prem Singh (20) during the Independence Day clashes which broke out over a poster of Hindutva ideologue Veer Damodar Savarkar at Ameer Ahmed Circle in Shivamogga, has reportedly been "indoctrinated by the Pakistan-based banned terrorist organisation Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) to engineer violence in the state," said highly placed sources.

Zabiullah was arrested along with Tanveer Ahmed (22), Nadeem Faisal (25) and Abdul Rehman (25) in connection with the case.

"Zabiullah allegedly has several audios and videos of JeM founder, India baiter and UN designated terrorist - Maulana Masood Azhar, JeM financier and recruiter - Farhatullah Ghauri alias Abu Sufiyan, and former chief of al Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), Sanaul Haq alias Asim Umar, who was killed by the US-Afghan forces in Afghanistan in September, 2019, among other terrorists and terrorist organisations in his phone.

"He has also downloaded a book on jihad," said sources on condition of anonymity. His phone is now in the custody of the police and will be sent for forensic examination.

"Since Zabiullah is undergoing treatment at McGann Hospital (he was shot in the leg by the police after he tried to escape), the police have not been able to obtain his custody from the court for interrogation. It is not clear who is indoctrinating him using these highly-inflammable audios and videos," said sources.

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With heavy rain causing lakes to overflow and flood roads in Mandya district, locals catch fish that swept onto the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

B'luru-Mysuru highway flooded after lake breach

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

VEHICULAR traffic on the busy Bengaluru-Mysuru highway was thrown out of gear due to flooding following heavy rain and ongoing road work on Saturday. The highway was flooded after a breach in Kanmanike lake near Kumbalagodu near Bidadi. The newly-constructed toll booth was also flooded due to the lake breach. Those heading to their hometowns in Mysuru, Mandya and Kodagu for the weekend and for Ganesha Chaturthi festival were hit by the disruption in traffic movement and had to take a detour.

Ramanagara District Police diverted traffic to an alternate route for three days, starting

Saturday. Vehicles plying between Bengaluru to Mysuru will have have to travel via Kanakapura or Kunigal.

Heavy rain led to stagnation of water on many stretches of the highway where road work is in progress.

"It is not safe to allow vehicles, especially during night", said sources in the police department.

"We have diverted movement of vehicles. It takes many days to remove water from the road," sources said.

Heavy rain over the last few days have also delayed work on the ongoing Bengaluru-Mysuru Express Corridor and is likely to discourage tourists visiting Mysuru during Dasara next month.

Pocso case against seer; plaint against ex-admin too

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a shocking case that is suspected by followers to be a conspiracy against the pontiff of Chitradurga's Sri Murugha Mutt, Dr Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, a case under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) has been registered against the seer and four others on Friday at Mysuru's Nazarbad police station.

Two girl students studying at a school run by the mutt made allegations to Mysuru-based NGO, Odanadi, about the pon-

tiff sexually abusing them. The NGO brought it to the notice of the district children welfare committee.

The committee, after an inquiry, directed the Legal Commission Probation Officer/District Child Protection Unit to lodge a complaint with the police under POCSO Act against the seer and four others.

Apart from the seer, the FIR registered under the POCSO Act also names Rashmi, the



warden of Akkamahadevi hostel located at Murugha Mutt in Chitradurga, junior pontiff Basavadhitha, Paramashivaiah and Gandaharaiyah.

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Mysuru's Nazarbad police have registered a case and transferred it to the police in Chitradurga, where the alleged incident took place.

In the First Information Report (FIR), the Child Protection Unit Probation officer, C Chandrakumar, said the class 10 girls, aged 15 and 16, were studying at a school and staying at the hostel under the aegis of Murugha Mutt, and alleged that the seer was sexually abusing the two students for more than three years.

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You (devotees) have arrived by listening to the news that has spread since the morning. I am suffering more pain than all of you. This is the biggest trouble given to me more than anything else. This is a struggle for power — Dr Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, pontiff, Sri Murugha Mutt

EXPRESS READ

Accused jumps from 3rd floor of hosp, dies

Kalaburagi: In a bid to escape police custody, an accused who was taken to the District Government Hospital here for Covid testing, jumped to his death from the third floor of the hospital, the police said on Saturday. The deceased has been identified as Munna alias Shekh Sohel.

CWC to meet today to discuss party prez polls

New Delhi: The Congress Working Committee will meet on Sunday to approve the schedule of dates for the polls of the next party president. This comes in the backdrop of Ghulam Nabi Azad's resignation, and CWC members could express confidence in the leadership of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi during the meet.

IN FOR THE LONG HAUL



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Hemant Soren and MLAs leave in a bus after a meeting in Ranchi on Saturday | P11

As political turmoil deepens, J'khand MLAs go picnicking

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

AMID the political turmoil in Jharkhand due to the possible disqualification of Chief Minister Hemant Soren over alleged violation of office-of-profit rules, the UPA MLAs and ministers on Saturday went on a picnic to Khunti, about 40 km from Ranchi, and then returned to the state capital to attend a meeting at the chief minister's residence.

After the meeting, the MLAs were reportedly taken to the Dumargarhi Guest House in Khunti in two buses by Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

According to political observers, the exercise is a message to the BJP: "UPA MLAs are intact

and there is no threat to the government. Congress MLAs are with Hemant Soren," said state Congress in-charge Avinash Pandey, who has already reached Ranchi.

It is widely believed that Soren may take these MLAs to neighbouring Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh or some other destination to avert any possible horse trading by the BJP.

JMM insiders told this paper that they were compelled to resort to 'resort politics' to protect their government from the possible horse trading.

Newly elected Rajya Sabha MP Mahua Maji said it is an effort to keep the MLAs intact in the wake of the BJP's 'Operation Lotus'.

Why hands that rock the cradle snuff out lives of their own kids

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

IN a shocking series of incidents, three cases of maternal filicide (mother killing her child) were reported between August 4 and August 22 in Bengaluru city. Two of the three cases involve mothers who are dentists.

One of them surrendered before the police, the other died by suicide after she allegedly killed her 10-year-old daughter and the third - a homemaker - is battling for her life in a hospital ICU after a failed suicide attempt.

"Cases of maternal filicide are extremely disturbing. They highlight the unmet mental health needs of mothers and the skewed gender approach in child rearing in India. The burden of childcare often falls on the mother. The expectations from her are huge from her own family and society, without looking or addressing her own physical and mental health," said Prof Prabha S Chandra, Psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (Nimhans).

"If the child has a developmental disorder or serious



health problem, the mother not only has an additional burden of looking after the child, she also faces stigma and criticism from her family and society at large. A child with developmental disorder or serious health issues needs support from within the family and from the health system. These are often not available or are not easily accessible," added the senior psychiatrist, who is also the President Elect of International Association for Women's Mental Health (IAWMH).

Chandra explained, "Moth-

ers who take the extreme step of filicide are often depressed or have other mental health problems, lack adequate social, physical and emotional support or face domestic violence and other forms of family stress. They may also feel lonely in their role as a parent, worry excessively, lose sleep and be physically exhausted if the young child has a lot of needs and hence feel helpless and hopeless. We must look at all the factors that drove these mothers to take such extreme steps."

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DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

YAKSHAGANA, one of the ancient art forms of coastal Karnataka, is gaining popularity across the world, aided by online classes for enthusiasts.

Two brothers from Mangaluru are also promoting the art in their own way. Through 'Rishi Prathishtana', Vishwanath Padmunja and Divakar Padmunja are teaching Yakshagana to children of government schools, among them migrant labourers' children from North Karnataka who live in and around Dakshina Kannada district.

Rishi Prathishtana was started by Vishwanath and Divakar seven years ago in Belthangady taluk, with an intention of creating awareness on environment protection and promoting literature among the children.

Rishi Foundation

"My son's name is Rishik, and I named the foundation after him. Initially, through our foundation, we provided saplings to people. We also took up initiatives to create awareness among children in government schools, to protect nature from pollution. Those who planted saplings and looked after them are provided certificates and prizes. Several seminars were also conducted in schools and colleges on literature, with the help of resource persons. So now we are teaching Tenkuttu or the Southern style of Yakshagana, which is quite popular in the Mangaluru region, to children of government schools," says Divakar, who is also a journalist from the city.

Why Yakshagana?

Students most often choose to learn Western art forms, be it music or dance. "So, we wanted to promote Yakshagana, the art form of the coast. The more we promote it, the more number of people will know about it and learn it. Also, Yakshagana helps keep the youth of today rooted in their culture. This is a small contribution from our side to keep the art form alive, and pass it on to the next generation," said Vishwanath. Three classes are held every Sunday, between 8 am and 9 pm.

Vishwanath learnt the art in Dharmasthala, and Divakar also learnt it for a few months. When they decided to take up classes at Mullakadu Government School, over 40 children of migrant labourers from North Karnataka came forward to attend classes. "We not only teach them, but also ensure they have a stage performance, just like Ranga Pravesha," Vishwanath said.

So far, they have trained 200 children in government schools. The maiden performance by students, including over 40 children from North Karnataka, was 'Sudarshana Vijaya' which got much praise from senior artistes. Now, they are also teaching Ranga Geethe related to dramas, under the Rishi Kala Kendra.



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Vishwanath Padmunja of Rishi Prathishtana



Classes unaffordable

"Government schoolchildren from poor economic backgrounds cannot afford to pay up to Rs 500 a month as fees to learn Yakshagana. That's why we decided to teach them for free," said Divakar. He says that though Yakshagana classes are held everywhere now, no institution teaches it for free to government children. They take up classes in government schools and other private spaces available, as the foundation does not have a building of its own. The children were also taught how to don the special greasepaint for Yakshagana by Shashikiran Kavu, a renowned artiste who gave them free classes. At present, they are teaching a batch of 20 children, including some from North Karnataka. Srujan, a native of Davanagere who trained under Rishi Prathishtana, is planning to teach the art to children in his native town. He said he is glad he could learn the art for free, and also perform it. "I was fascinated by the Yakshagana costumes and dance, so I decided to learn it. Now, I want to teach the art to children," he said.



MASTERING THE ART OF YAKSHAGANA

Mangaluru brothers Vishwanath and Divakar Padmunja teach the nuances of the art form to government schoolchildren, migrant kids for free

Shakti-men of Davanagere

6 SUBASH CHANDRA @ Davanagere

DURING momentous events, often insurmountable difficulties are forgotten, especially when it comes to sporting achievements. Athletes receive the deserving laudation, but their journey of reaching the summit itself is buried under the tower of glory. Sometimes, he or she has to fight penury, societal bridle, and lack of infrastructure, but when all those impediments are defeated, they expect some help from the government while competing against world-class athletes.

In Davanagere, two powerlifters are trying to improve their game without the support of the government, draining their own finances to fulfil their dreams. Given support, like other sportspersons who have brought laurels for their country, they too can emulate that feat. For 20-year-old Manikanta, a flower seller, his day usually starts at 4 am. His job entails measuring fresh flowers and selling them to customers.

When the flower basket gets empty, he practices powerlifting as a hobby as he is unable to afford pursuing the dream of becoming an Olympic weightlifter. Powerlifting needs relatively lesser expertise and also builds stronger muscles.

Starting off, powerlifting for Manikanta was just an exercise that was gradually ingrained into his regular regimen. He began attending the famous Sai Gym at DCM township in Davanagere where he practises various components of powerlifting from 7 am to 9 am. The two hours at the gym helps him escape the monotony of his life, and of not chasing his Olympic

ambitions since powerlifting is yet to become a part of the event.

"I had a dream of becoming a weightlifter. However, lack of proper coaching and support from the Sports Department forced me to take up powerlifting. I have received training from Sainath. With better training, I am certain that I will win a medal for the country on international platforms and make India proud," Manikanta says.

For a body which exerts itself to carry out the herculean task of lifting weights, nutrition is paramount. But for him, home-cooked regular meals comprise his diet; there is no special combination of nutritious food to back his activity.



Manikanta

Chandranna is another powerlifter who has taken up the sport along with his business of selling sunglasses, wallets, belts and other small electronic items on Shamanur Road. At 54, he participates in the Masters' category, and works out tirelessly in the gym.

Chandranna's medal haul stands somewhere around 80, including two gold medals at the International Invitation Powerlifting Championship at Amravati, Maharashtra in 2021. He has participated in various competitions held at Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal.

"Powerlifting is my hobby, and I have been participating in competitions for quite some time. Now, my daughter is into powerlifting and wrestling. She has already won a silver medal in the junior category at Amravati, besides winning accolades in wrestling competitions across the state," he said.



Chandranna

Learning centres for poor students to come up in all wards

MOHAMMED YACOUB @ Bengaluru

TO help poor and backward class students from slums study better, the Welfare Department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike is setting up Belaku, a learning centre, in each ward. The centre will have a trained teacher, well-lit room and books. The

idea is to ensure that these children do not fail in their exams.

Ram Prasat Manohar, Special Commissioner, BBMP Welfare Department, said the scheme, 'Vidyarthi Belaku', is aimed at underprivileged children who do not have a proper at-



mosphere to study at home.

"These centres will come up in areas that will be within 500 metre to 1 km from students' homes or slum colonies. Our department took up this initiative as many of these children do not have a proper place to study. We have tied up

with NGOs and roped in volunteers. We will provide infrastructure and study materials as well," Manohar said.

NGOs to get contracts

The centres will be open from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. NGOs will be awarded contracts to hire graduates and undergraduates on a monthly honorarium

of Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,000 to monitor these centres and these teachers will be trained for 15 days. Each centre has been allocated Rs 42,500.

The students will be taught leadership, communication and other skills. "They can get help from tutors to pass their exams. We have already opened 10 centres on a pilot ba-

sis and will soon cover all the 243 wards in the Palike limits," Manohar said. The idea behind the initiative is to ensure that students do not deviate from studies due to lack of space. This will also prevent children from dropping out and taking to crime, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike officials said.

U-girders to speed up Metro work

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE first set of U-shaped girders, which facilitate quicker laying of railway tracks, was cast at Doddajala yard on Saturday for one stretch of Bengaluru Metro's Airport Line.

U-girder technology has been adopted by Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited, both for its Outer Ring Road Line and the K R Puram to Kempegowda International Airport Line, in place of the traditional box technology. The stretch where the girders have been cast now runs for 15.01 km from Air Force Station at Yelahanka to Airport Terminal 2 inside the KIA.

Chief Engineer BC Nataraja, of Airport Phase-3 package supervising the operations, told TNIE, "Two girders, each running to a length of 28 metres were laid today, one in the first half of the day and the second in the evening." NCC Ltd was contracted with the job in December 2021.

"It is only the casting of first U-girder that is crucial as it has to clear all the teething and initial testing. The completion of this superstructure work of the first pre-cast girder is a milestone for us. The rest of girders would be readied on a regular basis," he said. On the technology, another official said the entire span portion of the viaduct (on which the rails are laid) between two pillars can be laid in a single piece using this technology, while many segments need to be laid in the case of the traditional system.

10K GANESHA IDOLS WITH SEEDS OF MEDICINAL PLANTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) will be distributing 10,000 clay Ganesha idols, which will contain in them seeds of medicinal plants, at the National College Grounds on Sunday. Besides creating awareness about using eco-friendly Ganesha idols, the event also aims to make it to Guinness Book of World Records.

The event, which is organised in association with Sri Vidyaranya Yuvaka Sangha, will promote the celebration of an eco-friendly Ganesha Chaturthi. The organisers called this a special initiative to create awareness in the public, students, and youth organisations that celebrate the festival.

Tourism Minister Anand Singh, along with scion of erstwhile Mysuru royal family

Yuduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will distribute the idols to the public and organisations to be installed at homes and other venues, and later to be immersed in buckets and pots to transform into medicinal plants.

The KSPCB has also issued instructions to the public and organisers to buy eco-friendly idols which should not contain any chemicals. Also, they should use paper bowls to distribute prasadam and remove garlands before immersing the idols in ponds and lakes. The public is advised to use natural flowers to decorate pandals and idols, instead of plastic ones.

"To celebrate a meaningful Ganesha festival, the KSPCB has decided to distribute idols made of clay and the public should join their hands in celebrating the festival in an environment-friendly manner," Singh said.



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— Anand Singh, Tourism Minister



LONG SCREEN TIME

Veteran Sandalwood actor-director Dwarkish, who turned 80 on Saturday, was felicitated by the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

'Less-confident youth prone to substance abuse'

BENGALURU: Youth who are more impulsive are prone to substance abuse, and often seek immediate gratification due to peer pressure, explained Nimhans director Pratima Murthy. It is a paediatric disorder for people with addiction who tend to start early, professor of psychiatry (Centre for Addiction Medicine) Nimhans Dr Vivek Benegal, adding that it is important to identify such children and help them become more resilient. Those who are more impulsive, fickle minded, anxious, have low confidence, under performing in schools are more prone to substance abuse as a coping mechanism. Speaking at the Prevention of Substance Abuse among Youth workshop, consultant for Centre for Addiction Medicine Dr Prashanti Nattiala, said that use of substance has been normalized in the society with children starting consumption at an early age. She mentioned that substance abuse is now combined with high risk of sexual behaviour, and increased use of cannabis. If consumption starts early, intervention at a preliminary stage will also help in reducing substance use and abuse among youth, he explained.

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YESTERDAY								

Protests galore against Bilkis convicts' remission

Thousands take part in B'luru, across state, vow to continue stir

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MASS protests were held across the state against the remission of sentence of the Bilkis Bano case convicts with over a thousand citizens gathering at the Freedom Park in Bengaluru.

Women's organisations, citizen groups and student unions took part in the protest. They were joined by activists, lawyers, writers and minority rights organisations, including writers K Ramaiah, Aakar Patel, Mamta Sagar, and activists Akkai Padmashali and KS Vimala.

Condemning the Gujarat government's decision to release the accused, they termed the remission of sentence illegal and in violation of the constitutional guarantee of equality. The move is communal and casteist. The Gujarat government is Islamophobic and has been continuing with what happened in the 2002 Gujarat riots, they alleged.

"The remissions show that we have not yet received social independence. In the Manusmriti, it is said that Brahmins should not be punished even if they commit heinous crimes. Is this the policy being followed by the Gujarat government? We will receive real independence only if we combat communalism and annihilate caste," said Nandini, one of



Activists and members of various organisations stage a protest against remission of sentence of Bilkis Bano case convicts, at Freedom Park on Saturday. EXPRESS

the activists part of the Slum Mahila Sanghatane.

Aakar Patel and Ramaiah said the protests must continue, while transgender activist Akkai Padmashali pointed out the response of society has been poor. "Amrit Mahotsav has actually been used to spread poisonous hate through the population. The poor response from larger society to this appalling release indicates a decay in the moral fabric of society," she said.

Protests were also held in over 15 districts in the state, including Yagiri, Belagavi, Bidar, Hassan, Shivamogga and Mysuru. The protesters also wrote to Governor Thawarchand Gehlot demanding the

withdrawal of remission.

"As citizens of this country, the impact of this action cannot be overlooked. It raises fundamental questions over absolute disregard and even contempt for the safety and security of women, especially those from the minority community. There can be no doubt that the remission and premature release is patently illegal, unethical and unjust and therefore we demand that you take necessary action to ensure the same be revoked and the 11 convicts be immediately sent back to jail to complete the rest of their life-term," the letter read. The agitators said protests will continue till the remission is withdrawn.

Woman, seven friends held in kidnap case

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A GANG of eight, including two women, has been arrested by the Hanumanthanagar police in connection with a kidnap case.

The main accused and the victim were former live-in partners. The two had met on an online dating app, became close and started living together. But their relationship soured and they parted ways. The woman accused, who wanted to teach the victim a lesson, hatched a

kidnap plot and got him abducted with the help of the other accused. Around 10 days ago, the main accused, Clara, allegedly asked the victim, Mahadev Prasad, to meet her one last time. Unaware of the plot, Prasad went to meet her around 11.30 am and was kidnapped by the gang in a car. He was beaten up and then released.

The other accused are identified as Hemavathi, Madhu, Santosh, Masana Kiran, Ash-

wath Narayan, Lokesh and Manu.

"Clara, who was already married, was estranged from her husband as they used to have regular fights. She also wanted to divorce him. Around that time, she met Prasad on the dating app. The two also wanted to marry after sometime, and Prasad knew of Clara's troubled married life. But he suspected her of having an affair with another man and started ignoring her

Clara too had similar doubts about Prasad. As they could not sort out their differences, they parted ways and stayed separately," said an officer who is part of the investigation.

Clara, however, was extremely upset that her live-in relationship broke, despite her wanting to marry Prasad after divorcing her first husband. When nothing was going her way, she wanted to take revenge.

The Hanumanthanagar police have registered a case and are investigating further.

Stealing since 10, 54-yr-old in police net

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AFTER a string of 160 burglaries across five states, a 54-year-old man, his sons, son-in-law, and brother were arrested by Rajajinagar police. A thief since the age of 10, Prakash has been jailed more than 20 times, and has three wives who are from Shivamogga, Ballari and Kolar. They have seven children. The accused would break into houses, committing burglaries in Bengaluru, Kolar, Shivamogga, Ballari, Chitradurga, Kalaburagi, among other places. He is also involved in burglaries in Maharashtra, Goa and Kerala.

Prakash's brother Varadaraj, his children Balaraj and Mit-hun, and son-in-law John have reportedly assisted him in these crimes. Prakash was targeting posh residences, jewellery shops, and finance offices.

Around 2.5 kg of gold in Kottayam, Kerala was stolen by him. Similar amount of gold from a jewellery store in Seshadripuram was burgled by drilling the side wall, and around 4.2 kg of gold ornaments from a pawn shop in city market was also stolen. In 1989, he had committed burglaries in Mysuru with the help of his associates. Along with another associate in 1992, he had stolen nearly 17 kg of gold ornaments from two jewellery stores in Maharashtra's Kolhapur. In Shivamogga, around seven crores in cash was looted from a finance office.

Prostate cancer second most common in India

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THE prevalence of prostate cancer (PC) is rapidly increasing and has now become the second most common cancer in India. Prostate cancer is more prevalent among urban men, especially in cities due to increased stress, pollution and sedentary lifestyle.

PC is accounting for 15-20 per cent of all cancers in the country. With advanced treatment like robotic surgery, the mortality rate due to PC has reduced from 80% to 65%. With early detection, mortality can be further reduced below 10 per cent, said Dr. Raghunath S K, Urologist, Director of Urological Oncology and Robotic Surgery, HCG Cancer Hospital. Dr Raghunath made his ob-

servations during a three-day national conference of the Society Of Genitourinary Oncologists and Global Health Academy which started in Bengaluru on Saturday. "Robotic surgery for prostate cancer has come as a boon as it gives better results compared to conventional surgeries. Also, robotic surgery has brought down

blood transfusion to less than 1-2 per cent. Wound length is also significantly lesser," he said.

Dr Shekar Patil, Medical Oncologist at HCG Cancer Hospital and Chairman of the conference said, "The government should partner with hospitals to create awareness and promote early detection of the cancer. But the challenge is to make the technology and treatment affordable to Indian patients."

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SUNDAY INTERVIEW

'We are ready to take up all corruption cases'

YATHIRAJU @Bengaluru

WITH the 'teeth and claws' back again with the Karnataka Lokayukta by an order of the Karnataka High Court, the corruption watchdog is getting ready to bring back its past glory. "We are ready. Anyone can come without any hesitation to file complaints," says Lokayukta Justice BS Patil while sharing his views with *The New Sunday Express*.

Have the directions of the Karnataka High Court, while abolishing the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), been implemented?

The implementation has two aspects. One is automatic consequences following the abolition of the ACB and quashing of the notifications withdrawing police station powers to disallow the Lokayukta from registering cases of corruption under the Prevention of Corruption Act. The powers are restored automatically. With this, anybody can file complaints with the Lokayukta. If there is a prima facie case, we register a complaint, book culprits and subject them to prosecution. Till date, we have received only one complaint, while two people have enquired with us about filing complaints. We have informed all our district police units to receive and register complaints from the public and proceed with the investigation, so that there is no scope of giving an impression that there is a vacuum.

The second aspect of the order is complying with the HC directions to transfer cases from the ACB to the Lokayukta. The state government has to take a decision to list the cases pending in all units of ACB across the state and transfer them to us. We then have to start further investigation from the stage where it was pending before the ACB, in addition to continuing the proceedings pending before courts.

What is the response of the state government in transferring cases and giving you additional staff since you have written to the government that no progress has been made despite 17 days having elapsed since the HC order?

Some administrative action is required since it is a sensitive issue. An order has to be



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Justice B S Patil

issued by the government to shift cases and staff to us from the ACB. The state government has already made it clear that it will abide by the HC order. When our officials met the Chief Secretary, she said the government is getting ready to transfer the cases and staff, and the process will be expedited.

What about pending maladministration cases registered under the Karnataka Lokayukta Act?

There is a huge pendency of cases. The post of Lokayukta was kept vacant for about five months. Of the two posts of Upa Lokayukta, one is vacant, while Justice KN Phaneendra is visiting districts to take justice to the doorsteps of the needy. We are not only disposing of cases in the office, but also taking files home to study. The potential of police, administration, inquiry and general wings is being tapped, which is yielding better results. A minimum target for each inquiry officer has been set to scrutinise cases every month which will help in speedy disposal of cases.

Any mechanism to strengthen the institution?

We are apprising the government of the number of vacant posts every month to expedite the process of filling them up to help us address pendency. I have also heard that the gov-

ernment has decided to fill some vacant posts. We will consider hearing of cases through videoconferencing to settle matters early. For this, the infrastructure is needed.

There is a general perception that corruption is rampant in every walk of life. What is your view?

There are good people in all institutions and so are dubious characters. Instead of generalising, if anyone points out that a specific person is corrupt, we can initiate action. Even in our institution, we are checking the backgrounds of officials to know whether they are facing any allegations, corruption charges, etc., and two officials were sent back to their parent departments. Also, I have discussed with the ADGP to ensure that there are only physically fit police officers with integrity in the institution.

Contractors are alleging that ministers are demanding 40 per cent commission. Any action on this issue?

I don't want to comment as the issue is not before us. But we are ready to take action if anybody files a complaint with supporting documents. Unless we are satisfied that there is a case prima facie, we cannot take any action. Genuine people come forward to file complaints with proof to support their claims, while some get their work done by making mere allegations.

Expectations of the people are high and also there are huge challenges before Lokayukta, which is more needed now than ever... True. We will take suitable decisions once the cases and staff are transferred from ACB. For now, I have had an in-house discussion on being ready to take up challenges. We are prepared to act on complaints under the Prevention of Corruption Act with the existing personnel, be it a trap, raid or surprise visit.

What is your message to the public?

File complaints without any hesitation if there are any grievances, either maladministration or corruption. We will probe impartially and ensure punishment in accordance with law, without fail. No stone will be unturned to achieve our objective.

Decision on Idgah Ganesha fest today: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Raichur/Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said the state government will take a decision on whether to allow Ganesha Chaturthi celebrations at Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan in Bengaluru by Sunday. "Revenue and police officials are holding a meeting in Bengaluru, and I can give a clear picture after that," he said in Raichur.

On the recent statement by Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao that the people of Raichur district want to merge with the neighbouring state, Bommai said no one here wants that. "Just to divert the attention of the people from lack of development, the Telangana CM is making such statements. We will further develop Raichur and will not part with an inch of our state," he said.

Since a large number of people from Raichur district migrate for work, more focus will be on irrigation and employment. "It has been decided to create jobs in the garment industry in Ballari, Raichur and Kalaburagi districts. A textile park is coming up in Kalaburagi and steps will be taken to set up one in Raichur too."

Meanwhile, a day after the



Karnataka High Court allowed the government to review applications seeking permission to celebrate the Ganesha festival at the Idgah Maidan, Revenue Minister R Ashoka held a meeting with senior officials of BBMP, revenue and police departments in Bengaluru on Saturday.

After the meeting, Ashoka said they reviewed the court order as well as the five applications received so far and also sought the opinion of the Advocate General.

"We have information that the Waqf Board will submit an appeal to the Supreme Court on Monday. I have discussed this with the CM," Ashoka said, adding that various issues related to organising Ganesha festival at the grounds, such as precautionary measures, procession plan and seating arrangements, were also discussed in the meeting.

House panel to take call on Hubballi Idgah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hubballi

THE Karnataka High Court's direction on the Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan in Bengaluru is likely to make it easy for the house committee of the Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation to decide on requests made by various organisations to install Ganesha idol at the Hubballi Idgah Maidan. In a recently held council meeting, the HDMC decided to form a house committee to take a final call on this issue.

A division bench of the Karnataka High Court on Friday modified the interim order of the single-judge bench on the Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan dispute and permitted the State government to consider and pass the order on applications received for seeking permission to use the land for religious and cultural purposes for limited period.

As several organisations in the city have also given representation to HDMC commissioner Gopalakrishnan seeking permission to install Ganesha idol, the issue was discussed in the Council meeting. It was decided to form a house committee to decide the matter by Monday.

As no specific terms of reference were suggested for the house committee, its members are meeting with whoever wants to submit their suggestions and opinion on the issue.

While announcing the committee, Hubballi-Dharwad mayor Iresh Anchatgeri said the committee has been given a free hand and it can consult religious leaders, elected representatives and legal experts among others.

ARAGA SAYS POLICE WILL CONDUCT A FAIR PROBE

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Vested interests brainwashed the children to make the allegations. Such opponents of the mutt are responsible for getting the FIR lodged against the pontiff. We will start a legal fight against them

- Vishwanathiah, senior advocate



I have known the swamiji for quite sometime and he is not someone who can commit such a heinous crime. The case against him is in bad faith. The mutt provides education to thousands of children

- M Chandrappa, MLA

This is a conspiracy against the pontiff, and he will come out clean. A thorough probe should be conducted so that the pontiff's image is restored

- Social worker Badada Anandaraaj

THE complainant accused the warden and three others of abetment to the alleged crime based on the girls' statements during counselling.

The students in their statements alleged that they were sexually abused when the warden sent them to give fruits to the seer. There were also allegations of hostel inmates falling unconscious on consuming fruits given to them and subsequently sexually abused on the mutt premises.

Mysuru DCP (Law & Order) Pradeep Gunti said Chitradurga police will be investigating the case. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra has assured a fair probe into the case.

Meanwhile, the hostel warden Rashmi, accused in the case registered in Mysuru, has filed a complaint with Chitradurga police late Friday night, alleging sexual harassment, wrongful confinement and kidnap of the two girls by the former administrator of the mutt SK Basavarajan and his wife, ex-president of Chitradurga ZP Soubhagya Basavarajan.

Incidentally, Basavarajan was sacked as the Mutt administrator on Friday.

In her complaint, Rashmi has alleged that the two minor girl students who stayed at the hostel obtained a gate pass on July 24, 2022 and went out. The same day these two girls were traced by Cottonpet police in Bengaluru and the incident reported to the Mutt and Basavarajan, who was then the administrator of the mutt.

Both Basavarajan and his wife Soubhagya took custody



of the two girls on July 25 at 5 AM from the Cottonpet police station and alleged to have been wrongfully confined till July 27, according to Rashmi's complaint. Basavarajan and his wife allegedly neither informed the girls' parents nor the hostel warden about the girls' whereabouts.

Rashmi further alleged that Basavarajan used to behave obscenely with the girls on the pretext of inspecting the hostels under the Mutt.

"Whenever I tried to oppose him, Basavarajan used to threaten me with murder and told me to stay silent," she added in the complaint.

The Chitradurga Rural police who received a complaint, have registered a case under Indian Penal Code sections 341 (wrongful restraint), 342 (wrongful confinement), 363 (kidnapping), 120 (B) (criminal conspiracy), 354 (A) (Sexual Harassment), 504 (Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), 506 (criminal intimidation), and 34 (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) against Basavarajan and Soubhagya.

Chitradurga Rural police are investigating this case.

Officials take statements of hostel students

Chitradurga: Officials of the Women and Child Welfare Department on Saturday collected information from students of the hostel, located on the mutt premises, where the two girls, who had made allegation that they were sexually assaulted, stayed. The officials interacted with the students separately and recorded their statements. More than 100 students from Chitradurga, Davangere and other parts of the state stay at the hostel and study at schools run by the mutt. **ENS**

We will persuade Rahul to take AICC reins: Kharge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

LEADER of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will be persuaded to head the All-India Congress Committee (AICC) for the sake of the country and to take on the RSS and BJP juggernaut.

The Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting on Sunday is likely to finalise the dates for the election of the

Congress president.

Kharge said Rahul has the appeal throughout the country and is accepted by the people.

On the resignation of Ghulam Nabi Azad, Kharge said that instead of fighting against the BJP's onslaught on minorities, Dalits and common people, he ran away. "Sonika Gandhi always used to take his advice. He was part of the CWC, Core Committee and cabinet meetings and it is not right to quit like this," he added.

(With inputs from PTI)

POLITICAL THEATRE

Not used influence to get BDA site: Araga

Bengaluru: Home Minister Araga Jnanendra on Saturday clarified that he had not used any influence to get a site allotted by the BDA. He said the site was allotted to him 17 years ago after due process, but he had not got possession as it was cancelled thrice, even after he had paid the registration fee. The Congress was demanding his dismissal after the Supreme Court pulled up the BDA Commissioner over violations of the court directions in the allotment of sites. **ENS**

Asked Modi, Nadda to visit state more: BSY

Bengaluru: After arriving in Bengaluru after his visit to New Delhi on Saturday, former chief minister BS Yediyurappa said he requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP national president JP Nadda to spare more time for Karnataka ahead of the 2023 Assembly polls. "I appealed to them to visit the state often, especially Nadda, to attend one meeting per month in the state to which he agreed," Yediyurappa told reporters. Yediyurappa said he will go on a state tour to hold discussions with party workers. **ENS**

RAMAKRISHNA BADESHI @Raichur

UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday came out with a big gift for the Kalyana-Karnataka region, announcing that the central government will approve a food processing unit for the area if a proposal is sent.

Taking part in the Millet Mela-2022, organised jointly by the University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur and NABARD, here on Saturday, she said the unit should give priority to women. It will enjoy tax-free



Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at the Millet Mela in Raichur on Saturday | EXPRESS

benefits for five years, she added.

She said India is the highest producer of millets in the world and in that, Karnataka's share is big. To promote the production of millets, the United Nations has declared 2023 as the 'International Year of Millet'. Food security is important, so are healthy and nutritious foodgrains, which is fulfilled by millets, she added.

Raichur will be declared a 'Millet district', she said, and wished that the Kalyana-Karnataka region becomes a millet hub. NABARD will provide a

Rs 25 crore grant to the University of Agriculture University, Raichur to take up research on producing quality millets, she added.

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, who also took part in the programme, said Karnataka is at the top in digitising the agriculture sector in a comprehensive manner and making the agriculture sector transparent. He said Sitharaman is the right hand of Prime Minister Narendra Modi as she provides necessary budgets whenever he announces new schemes.

Sitharaman, being a Rajya Sabha member from Karnataka, will do everything for the welfare of the state and Raichur district, he said. The Union government has launched several schemes to double the income of farmers. Many farmers who suffered losses benefited from the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, he said.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, inaugurating the Millets Mela, announced that the state government will establish millet processing units in all the seven districts of the Kalyana-Karnataka region.



The point of modern propaganda isn't only to misinform or push an agenda. It is to exhaust your critical thinking, to annihilate truth

Garry Kasparov

THE SPECTRE OF GLOBAL SLOWDOWN AND INDIA STORY

LITERATURE is dotted with adages about the fallibility of popular notions. As Daniel Kahneman observed, "We are blind to our blindness. We have very little idea of how little we know. We're not designed to know how little we know."

Received wisdom, though, has not deterred bullish punters in stock markets from believing what they chose to believe—that a slowdown and social cost of rate hikes would result in a pivot and rate cuts in 2023.

This fuelled the rise of S&P 500 by 17.4 per cent in just 41 days between June and August. Markets elsewhere followed suit—for instance, in India, the Nifty 50 mirrored the rise from 15,293 to 17,956.

On Friday morning, US Federal Chairman Jerome Powell virtually read out the riot act. At the Jackson Hole Economic Symposium, Powell declared the US Fed would continue taking forceful and rapid steps "to keep inflation expectations anchored." Citing the Paul Volcker dictum "inflation feeds in part on itself", Powell deflated all talk of an early pause stating, "We will keep it until we are confident the job is done". What's more, projections of the median Fed rate will be updated.

Critically, in his eight-minute speech, Powell chose to mention inflation 47 times, growth thrice and unemployment only once—and admitted that rate actions would cause pain to households and businesses. The message was clear to those who bet against the Fed. By the end of the day, the S&P slid by 3.07 per cent with only five stocks in the green, the tech-heavy NASDAQ by 3.7 per cent and Dow Jones by over 100 points.

The sell-off has implications for the global economy in general and the India Story in particular. Effectively, as the US Fed hikes rates from 2.3 to 4 per cent, withdraws nearly a trillion dollars in quantitative tightening and marinates the economy at a higher rate, the global cost of capital will rise. What happens on Liberty Street and Wall Street is not limited by geography.

The global quantitative tightening of financial conditions will impact India. For starters, the RBI would need to respond by hiking repo rates beyond levels previously envisaged—impacting consumption, investment and growth—to protect the currency. Rising rates will also inform and influence capital flows to emerging economies like India—into debt and equity, and private equity flows into start-ups.

The slide in stock markets also represents the fear of possible slowdown and recession. There is much lather about the possibility of a soft landing but as the cliché on Wall Street goes, the last successful soft landing was by Chesley 'Sully' Sullenberger when he landed an A320 on the Hudson. Already Europe and the UK are heading into recession, Japan has slashed GDP estimates, and the US has seen two-quarters of contraction. Between them, these economies account for over \$40 trillion of global GDP—and this has the potential to exacerbate the recent fall in India's exports and the widening of the current account deficit.

On Friday, the index touched 108.80—over 13 per cent higher than it was at the beginning of the year. The rise of the dollar index illustrates the spectre of inflation and falling growth. Typically fear has no bottom, and this drives the flight of capital to the dollar. Historically, global growth has been higher when the index is lower. The rise in dollar index leads to outflows as seen in India, depreciation in currencies causes spikes in import inflation and affects GDP growth.

A few weeks earlier, this column had cautioned that the world would need to brace for impact as central banks are flying blind. The past is not necessarily the prologue of the future, and a confluence of disruptions has upended the architecture of the global economy.

Agustin Carstens, chief of the Bank of International Settlements, explained this eloquently at Jackson Hole. In the past, before the pandemic, tailwinds including technology, geopolitics, globalisation and demographics enabled supply to respond to demand. The pandemic and the war revealed supply side fault lines, and Carstens warned that "in the coming years, many of the disinflationary tailwinds are set to turn into headwinds."

Policy in a political economy is influenced both by rational inattention and irrational attention. It is true that India is the fastest growing large economy. Equally, GDP estimates and forecasts are not static and are subject to circumstances and limitations—the 7-plus per cent growth is not cast in stone. The pace of growth and the scale of its domestic economy amplify India's potential to harness portfolio flows and investments in the race for resilience via near-shoring or friend-shoring of supply chains.

Growth and prosperity, though, are not ordained and requires momentum on the policy front—from accelerating privatisation and monetisation of assets for resources to reforming land and labour laws to unclogging regulatory cholesterol—to enable investment and growth.

Change will require Team India, the Centre and the States, to work in sync. The trillion-dollar question is whether the political class of the world's largest democracy will take a break from rhetoric and drive policies to convert the challenge into an opportunity.

THE INSIDE MAN AND THE EXIT DOOR



OPINION

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA
Editor, The New Indian Express

AS Union health minister in UPA-II, Ghulam Nabi Azad used to keep three mobile phones. One was for calls from the Prime Minister, one for party president Sonia Gandhi, and one for his personal and official use—a triangle fairly reflective of the structure around which the UPA functioned. As a permanent fixture in the Congress's *diwan-e-khas* and as an affable, all-seasons politician, that third phone would have been a busy one. But over a period of time, perhaps it came to get more calls than normal from a certain number.

The way things were unravelling in the last phase of the Manmohan Singh regime, Azad had chosen to align with the all-important minister of that time, Pranab Mukherjee. On the rare occasion that he met media personnel, he would not get past two sentences without mentioning 'Pranab'. As it turned out, he had bet on the wrong horse and, in a way, that phase confirmed his estrangement from the core 10, Janpath group. Azad has now enacted the natural denouement of that plot, becoming the latest high-profile refugee from a party that gives the impression of being in an advanced stage of dissolution. History has been repeating itself in the Congress—as both tragedy and farce at the same time—and the chapter Azad has written is a still-unfolding one.

Watching this picture of dissolution, one is struck by a kind of absence—of a mind that can apprehend the drift of

play, of an eye that can spot movement in advance, and a hand that could control proceedings. Someone adept at political management, someone who can handle the friction and flux created by egos and resolve conflicts—smoothly, from the inside, fixing the loose nuts and bolts with a little conversation here, a little persuasion there.

Someone, in short, like Ghulam Nabi Azad.

These days, a lot of scorn is poured on a certain breed of Congress politician of the post-Indira phase: the *durbars*, those who derive their sustenance from being in the inner circles, those who do not possess a mass base.



But history mandates that we hold that derision—such leaders have a different kind of value.

Think only of how crucial the Narasimha Rao era was to India, of what Manmohan Singh wrought to its economic trajectory, of the supreme institutional mastery of a Pranab Mukherjee. These are leaders whose natural habitat can be thought of as the Rajya Sabha, the house of the wise.

Now, Ghulam Nabi Azad was not quite cut of the same cloth as a Rao or Manmohan, but he was hardly without utility—in fact, he has played a crucial hand even in the realm of democratic politics. If Rao's minority regime survived the famous no-trust vote in 1993, the behind-the-scenes footwork was mostly all Ghulam Nabi's. He was an

enabling factor, as the state in-charge for Andhra Pradesh, when YSR won his mammoth election victory in 2004. If he won kudos for that, managing KCR—his then cabinet colleague in the early days of UPA-I—was part of his unofficial brief. That deft hand was in play again here. Azad was key to the Telangana issue being kept in tacit deferment, ensuring KCR didn't escalate it to a level that would become difficult for the Congress to manage.

For a party that does not know what to do with the vacuum at the top—forget the vacuum at the grassroots—it's ironic that someone like Azad exits without even having come up for consideration.

Put that down to two factors. One, an invisible glass ceiling in India—even in a party that professes to do secular politics—for those who do not tick the right boxes in the census columns. Prime Minister Narendra Modi may have managed a show of fraternal feelings in Parliament, shedding tears as he recalled Azad's phone call in the aftermath of the killing of Gujarati tourists in Kashmir—at a time when both were chief ministers. But in the current era in New Delhi, having a Muslim as a Congress president is an idea that perishes before birth—even if a second stint as J&K CM is not out of reach for Azad.

But the second factor is no less crucial: the emotional distance from the Congress nucleus. Even in UPA-I, a sub-

tle marginalisation had set in—he was given urban development, a lesser ministry. And in those days came a curious event, part of the pitfalls of being the quintessential politician. Azad had held an afternoon Diwali event in his Lutyens bungalow, and its lawns were filled with VVIPs, lesser beings from the political class, and the media. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, then Vice-President, had been invited—and he landed up with Subramanian Swamy in tow. When the news reached Sonia, she was livid. A disconcerted Azad, summoned to 10 Janpath, was told to issue a statement that Swamy had come uninvited! In fact, when he was sent to Jammu and Kashmir as CM not long thereafter, he was convinced it was a sidelining—engineered by a coterie close to Sonia.

Once he took that chair, though, the importance of his office dawned on him. His 2005-08 stint as J&K CM was creative in a low-key way. He immersed himself in the task of reviving tourism—the famous tulip garden of Srinagar was his initiative—and small-scale industry. A semblance of normalcy was in the air—that is, till he overplayed his hand on the Amarnath Yatra land allocation issue, a moment that gave a downbeat BJP a chance to bounce back. Back in the saddle as Union health minister, he was again a good administrator with good ideas—but, despite his stint as leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha in 2014 or membership of core committees, a certain aloofness from the core marked the years.

Now, it may only happen in the Congress that a leader never walks into the sunset. A Jyoti Basu was even denied prime ministership by his party, but nobody could imagine him ditching the CPI(M) for it. It's equally inconceivable that an L K Advani plays the fifth columnist upon his sidelining. But the times are so dire for the Congress, someone should be looking in the mirror and asking the question if it was worth the cost to deny someone like Azad another Rajya Sabha term and hand it instead to an Imran Pratapgarhi.

THE SADNESS OF THE UNIVERSITY



OPINION

SHIV VISVANATHAN
Social scientist associated with The Compost Heap, a group researching alternative imaginations

THE university is one of the great inventions of modern life. It is a theatre for ideas, a domain of play, and a commons for dissenting academics. Yet the university as a vision is in dire straits in India. As a sociologist put it, "we talk of the idea of knowledge society, as if the university is not part of it". My friend explained further. He said, "a university is not a place for being and becoming. It is an instrumentalist project for any group."

He added sarcastically, "Look at the advertisements. It is Kota, Rao's study circle, Byju's that take pride of place. The tutorial college, emasculating and instrumentalising knowledge, has taken pride of place. Institutions that facilitate entry are more important than the idea of the university itself." In fact, he tiredly suggested that the director of these tutorial academies should be made chairman of UGC. It fits the Macaulayite project of India as a nation of clerks better. India wants to play secretariat to the world.

Ravi Subramaniam, former director of the Raman Institute, put it crisply, "Indians today take pride in being the best summarisers. We are no longer the

original scientists, the creative geniuses that Raman and Ramanujan were". My cousin, a student at Princeton, told me about his encounter with William Shockley, the inventor of the transistor. He was attending Shockley's lecture at Princeton when Shockley referred to J.C. Bose. He said, "there was the genius of Bose, the rest is toilet paper."

It is not just the sense of the university as a pilgrimage and exploration of ideas that we have lost. We also lack a sense of the university as a way of life. When a JNU Vice-Chancellor apologises for the university being anti-national, she is seeing the university as a cadre of ideologues, not ideas. Ideology is procrustean and frozen; ideas are an effervescence of possibilities. More, the everyday joy of learning and being is lost in these official narratives. Let me contrast it with two stories.

One of my students, a woman, came to me in the final semester and said desperately, "you must export me. I can't go home. My father will marry me off to a businessman. For my parents, 18-22 is freedom. Once we have left the university, that sense of ease is over. We have to wear the corset that society dictates. This leads me to the second story. I had gone to Bangalore for an open meeting about admissions to a liberal arts department. The students were good, but what was more moving was the interest and enthusiasm, parents especially mothers, showed. Many had been marked before they finished their degrees and were nostalgic about their time, dreaming they could go back to these courses. I wonder why the university has no place for the housewife as a scholar, creating openings for students between 40-50 to relive and invent a world of knowledge. The university was a state of being, of joy, where the proc-

esses of knowledge and the gossip of student life were central. Treating it as a piece of academic plumbing makes it obscene, even surreal.

Few see the university producing its own world of values and ideas of itself. I remember my days at the Delhi School of Economics café, frequented by greats like Amartya Sen, Sukhmoy Chakravarty, and Ramachandra Gandhi. They were legends to the outside world. Yet the epic figure, in a more domestic way, was a gentle old man who would quietly have coffee in a corner. Students greeted him in delight and reverence. He was the teacher Frank Thakurdas. He influenced no policy and has no place in textbooks, but he lives in the heart of his students. He taught to enjoy and dream political science. He was the legend, the teacher incarnate, the man around whom stories grow. People who graduated would come back for a darshan of this old man, smiling gently, debating Socrates and Aristotle for fun. Only a university can create this kind of man, loving books, ideas, sharing them, living simply. It was the frugality and the charisma of such scholars which made the university attractive.

There is a joy of learning and teaching the university embodies. I remember the botanist Professor Mohan Ram had dropped in one day. He saw my friend's daughter, learning the names of plants, stumbling over a radish. Quickly like a Walt Disney of Botany, he drew a radish, its roots a subtle, simple, archetypical radish. It was elegant, magical. He was called 'Radish mama' after that. I remember him moving from radishes to discuss Nicholas Vavilov, the Russian botanist, with me. Learning had that sense of exploring and sharing, a creation of an oral perspective that no digital class can capture today.

Memories become crucial to university. It cannot survive without storytelling. I remember my PhD guide Andre Beteille, a legend in the sociology department. We used to quarrel over everything from ideas to events to my delays in submitting my chapter. We met once thirty years later in Canada. He stopped, looked at me impishly, and said, "I am still recovering from you." I remember when he was on the board for a Professorship, he chose me. He told the committee, "He is my first choice, but remember, there is no one I disagree with more." That sense of the toleration of difference that made a university no longer exists. The sadness begins there. Saluting these scholars is not enough. One has to protect the worlds they lived for. It was not a narcissistic world. There was a wonderful sense of everydayness and discipline. Beteille would write two paragraphs minimally every day while I watched sceptically. He told me simply, "that makes a book a year." A simple statement before the idiocy of Scopus and other productivity schemes was hatched.

The sadness is that a university as a commons and one of the last domains of crafts is not recognised. We are converting it pragmatically into a set of functions. First, as an interlude from employment, as a cadre for politics, as a bureaucracy for certification. We cannot survive the deadwood of technocratic thought as embodied in the Kasturirangan report. The university needs a new manifesto written by scholars, teachers telling its story, articulating its dream. They have to challenge the banalisation of the university. Only then can the sadness of the university today find some hope, some claim to a playful future.

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QUOTE CORNER

... even if countries meet their commitments to reduce emissions they have made so far, the situation is still set to get worse, with weather in Europe predicted to become even more extreme.

David King, Chairman, Climate Crisis Advisory Group



I think of the poor girl that was blown up in the air by a bomb under the seat of a car in Moscow. Innocents pay for the war.

Pope Francis

"We encourage talks between Ukraine and Russia. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has himself, more than once, spoken to them, in this regard... towards seeking an early resolution to this conflict.

Ruchira Kamboj, India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations

MAILBAG WRITE TO

Farmers' issue

The longest and most impressive farmers' struggle India has seen since independence is back after a hiatus. The Kisan Morcha organised a Maha Panchayat in Delhi once again demanding that the central government's negative stand be corrected and that none of the assurances given to them have been fulfilled. It is promising that they are involved in many issues that need to be heard from the opposition. It can be believed that only Kisan Morcha can solve the problems facing India.

Muhammed Faisal, Kalpetta, Wayanad

Lesson in Azad's exit

For a beleaguered party that is yet to recover from the magnitude of electoral defeats of the General Elections of 2019 and successive defeats in assem-

bly elections, the exit of a seasoned leader of Ghulam Nabi Azad's stature is yet another indicator of the worst-ever existential crises faced by Congress in recent times. As rightly opined by him, the Congress leadership needs to undertake a 'Congress jodo yatra' before a 'Bharat jodo yatra'. The pathetic fall of the one-time majestic Indian National Congress can be attributed to its total disconnect with the grassroots coupled with its willful reluctance to look beyond the charisma of the Nehru Gandhi family and its obstinate obsession to invoke dynastic politics to revive its electoral fortunes, which has been decisively rejected by the electorate, time and again.

B. Suresh Kumar, Coimbatore

Congress revival

That Ghulam Nabi Azad snapped his ties with Congress is nothing unexpected given the realities of Sonia's inertia on health grounds, Rahul's ama-

teurish attitude, Priyanka's reluctance in taking up the leadership, etc. Congress already conceded ample political space to BJP nationally and regional parties in states and is in a pitiable position of being stranded in a political cul-de-sac. It needs to strengthen its base across the nation to emerge as a credible opposition party and keep our democracy vibrant without allowing totalitarianism being worked on by the ruling dispensation.

Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Introspection vital

Although, the exit of veteran leader Ghulam Nabi Azad has kick-started a series of problems in Congress, it has really exposed the root cause of the Congress party's structural imbalances. A leader is born, not made is the lesson that the leadership should learn. Some leaders closer to the Gandhi family actually danced to the latter's diktats, unmindful of the ground realities in the party. Instead

of blaming Narendra Modi and the BJP, it's time for the party to introspect the real cause of its plight.

Bijumon PN, Idukki

Azad's J&K role

With the departure of Ghulam Nabi Azad, G-23 has turned G-20 and it is likely that Anand Sharma and Manish Tiwari and others may follow suit. It is sad that Azad who has been feeling uneasy in Congress for a long time has ended his 50-year association with the party. He was a gentleman and was quite good in managing the opposition during the Congress rule. His long resignation letter mentions Rahul Gandhi as the main reason for the mess; it is true to some extent. However, Rahul Gandhi is also under pressure from younger leaders within Congress. Now Ghulam Nabi Azad is fully "Azad" and whether he helps the BJP in J&K is a question.

N Nagarajan, email



Narendra Modi @narendramodi
Reached Ahmedabad. Always a delight to be among the people of Gujarat. Looking forward to Khadi Utav!



Asaduddin Owaisi @asadowaisi
Chinese ingress has been on for more than two years in Ladakh. This calls for a special session of parliament to discuss our ties with China



Arvind Kejriwal @ArvindKejriwal
By joining the Indian Army, the preparation for service to the country will now start from the schools of Delhi

Women smuggling turtle parts to S-E Asia: WCCB

Wildlife Crime Control Bureau seizes 565 kg of dried turtle calipee that was on its way to Bangladesh

SUMIT KUMAR SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) has warned that traffickers are using women carriers to smuggle dried turtle calipee from India. It is further trafficked to Bangladesh for its final destination in South-East Asian countries where it is considered a "delicacy" and sold at exorbitant rates.

Turtle calipee is a fatty gelatinous layer found immediately over the lower shell of a turtle and esteemed as a delicacy.

The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, India's federal law enforcement agency dealing with illegal trade of endangered species, has managed to seize 565 kg of the dried turtle calipee. A major chunk of this smuggled stuff came from Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal

ILLEGAL TRADE OF TURTLES

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2018

to 2021 was the period when most of smuggling took place from across country

between 2018 and 2021. This year three cases of smuggling in calipee have surfaced until June.

These turtle calipees are illegally trafficked out of India to Bangladesh to later find

markets in South-East Asian countries where it is considered a delicacy and of medicinal value, the agency said in a statement.

"A recent trend of using women carriers by the calipee

traders has been observed. The women suspects often travel along with males," said an official.

He says illegal trade in turtles and tortoises in India is thriving as is driven by high-profit margins, making it among the most threatened wild species.

The soft shell calipee is cut, dried and trafficked through Etawah, Etah, Mainpuri, Auraiya, Sultanpur, Amethi and Farrukhabad to Bangoan or other border areas of West Bengal from where it is sent to Bangladesh.

Most traffickers are from West Bengal who pay a petty amount to fishermen and members of nomadic tribe 'Kanjar' for catching turtles from downstream of Ganga plains.

It has been found that the turtle meat is consumed or sold locally while their calipees are

removed, boiled and dried for further transportation.

The officer said the calipee is carried in plastic sacks mostly through passenger trains. Carriers board trains at various halting points before the main station or junction to avoid luggage checking. Railway tickets are booked online or arranged by associates at various stations.

During checking by law enforcement officials, specifically, Railway Protection Force or Government Railway Police, the carriers mislead officers by calling the calipee as tree barks used for making local herbs.

All such seizures indicate that the Calipee is collected from UP and then transported from UP to West Bengal by carriers mostly from the Kanjar community by trains to be finally smuggled to Bangladesh, the officer added.

Netaji statue waits for Centre's green light to be installed

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE 28-foot granite statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be installed at the canopy at India Gate is complete and awaiting a go-ahead from the Centre for its placement at the designated site. The sculpture was readied for installation and unveiling on August 15, when an event was reportedly planned to be organised for the purpose. The event, however, was postponed.

"A culture ministry committee comprising eminent artists, a university professor, and director general of National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) Adwaita Gadani set up to monitor and keep track of carving reviewed the status and approved it before August 15. However, the installation and unveiling ceremony has been put off," sources said.

Mysuru based sculptor Arun Yogiraj (39), known for his iconic 12-feet statue of Adi Shankaracharya which was unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Kedarnath, was entrusted with the responsibility of carving the status of the legendary freedom fighter Bose. The black jade granite stone for the carving was ferried from Telangana to Delhi.

According to the sources, more than 40 artisans, who were brought from different states, worked for about two and half months under the guidance of Yogiraj on the project at a shed on NGMC campus, where photography was prohibited. The nine-member panel of the ministry reviewed the progress regularly, particularly at crucial stages.

The weight of the raw material (stone) was about 300 tonnes



and final statue weighs about 80 tonnes. The sculpting began in June. When *The New Indian Express* (TNIE) contacted Gadani for the comment, he refused to speak on the reasons for the delay in installation and unveiling.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made the announcement in January regarding the installation of a grand statue of Bose at India Gate canopy, where a marble statue of King George V was placed in the 1930s to honour him for building during his reign the new capital of British administration 'New Delhi'.

After India's independence, socialist leaders protested across the country against British symbols and demanded their removal. The government relocated the statue of King George V to Coronation Park in 1968 when protestors defaced its nose.

Sugar over-production bad for economy: Nitin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ New Delhi

OVER-PRODUCTION of sugar is a problem for the economy; we spend ₹15 lakh crores per year for import of petroleum products, hence we need to diversify the agriculture sector towards energy and power sectors, said Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Sunday while addressing the felicitation programme of National Cogeneration Awards 2022 in Mumbai.

The Minister urged the industry to focus on alternative fuels with the help of futuristic technologies. "While 65-70 percent of our population depends on agriculture, our ag-

ricultural growth rate is 12-13 percent only; the sugarcane industry and farmers are a growth engine for our industry. And the next move should be cogeneration to increase revenue from sugar. The industry should produce less sugar and produce more by-products, embracing the vision for futuristic technologies and using the power of leadership to convert knowledge into wealth," said Gadkari.

This will enable the farmers to become not only food growers but energy producers as well, the minister added.

The Minister said that while the requirement was 280 lakh tonnes of sugar this year, the production was more than 360



lakh tonnes.

We need to divert production towards ethanol as the ethanol requirement is very high, the minister said. "Last year's capacity was 400 crore litres of ethanol; we have taken a lot of initiatives to increase ethanol production. Now is the time for the industry to plan demand for ethanol, using technologies such as power generators run by bioethanol," Gadkari said.

The minister said that even auto-rickshaws can be run on bioethanol.

Eye on Indian Ocean: India & Tanzania to set up task force

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN an important development from the India's strategic perspective, India and Tanzania have agreed to set up a task force in defence.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held bilateral talks with Tanzanian Minister of Defence and National Service Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax in New Delhi on Friday.

The Ministry of Defence said, "Both the ministers agreed to the formation of a task force to prepare a five year future roadmap for enhancing defence cooperation between both the countries".

Both the ministers discussed a wide range of issues concerning bilateral, regional and defence industrial cooperation were discussed during the



meeting. "The two ministers reviewed the existing military-to-military activities and discussed ways to enhance cooperation in all domains with a focus on defence industry cooperation," added the MoD.

India and Tanzania will also hold the next Joint Defence Cooperation meeting in Tanzania at an early date.

Talking about the development, Commodore Anil Jai

Singh (Retd) said that it has come late as China has already been spreading its influences in the African Continent and East Africa in particular.

"This region of the Western Indian Ocean and East Africa is strategically important for India from the economy, trade and business point of view as almost 60 percent of our trade comes from this side," he said. Also, the countries like Kenya and Tanzania have understood the negative effect of the Chinese support thus there is a backlash and it is the right time to regain our older ties, said Commodore Singh.

During the Covid pandemic, India has assisted the countries like Mozambique, Mauritius, Seychelles and other island nations too in the Western Indian Ocean.

HEMANT SOREN

AN 'ACCIDENTAL' CM BIDS TO SAVE CHAIR, BECOME SON OF SOIL

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

WHEN Hemant Soren assumed power as Jharkhand Chief Minister in December 2019, he introduced two significant changes: the first was to make the administration, earlier a laggard, more responsive to work, especially those related to boost the state's development. And the second - more personal - was to turn out in well-tailored western clothing.

Even today, faced with the toughest political challenge since the electoral victory in the winter of 2019 - he stares at a likely disqualification for the office of profit case related to the mining lease issue - Soren, attired in a crisply ironed black shirt, was all smiles as he took a selfie with all his coalition UPA legislators to a resort in nearby Khunti.

So far, the MLAs, including those from the Congress and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), appear to be solidly backing the 47-year-old chief minister. The move suggests that Soren expects the BJP to aggressively pursue an altogether familiar line of politics in recent times. It may well be an astute move.

An accidental politician, Soren was pushed to the centre stage of Jharkhand politics after the death of his elder brother Durga Soren. Born to the veteran tribal leader and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha patriarch Shibu Soren and Rup Soren, Hemant is working hard to establish himself as a son of the soil and true inheritor of his father's tribal legacy.

Hemant's entry into electoral politics was rough, if not uninspiring. Failing to take a degree in Mechanical Engineering from BIT Mesra, Ranchi, Hemant contested the 2005 Assembly elections from Dumka constituency where he was defeated by a party rebel, Stephen Marandi.

But he found himself propelled to the JMM's senior leadership in 2009 when his elder brother Durga Soren, who was then seen to be the natural heir to Shibu Soren's political legacy, passed away, but not before winning the Dumka assembly seat.

The Soren family, for all intents and purposes, is "fully" political. Hemant's younger brother, Basant, is an MLA from Dumka. His sister-in-law and Durga's widow, Sita, represents J ama constituency.



SOUBHAY ROY

A reluctant leader pushed into arena

Hemant Soren was accidentally pushed into senior JMM leadership in 2009 after the death of his elder brother Durga Soren, who actually was considered to be the natural successor of Shibu Soren

It is not that the JMM, since Hemant became chief minister, has been without its share of disaffection - in the party as well as the family. But Hemant is said to have worked out a roadmap in the event that he actually gets disqualified. He has quietly groomed his wife, Kalpana, who might emerge as a potential contender as chief minister if the disqualification by the Election Commission sticks.

Before he was sworn in as Jharkhand's eleventh chief minister, Soren was leader of opposition in the state assembly. He was India's youngest chief minister - between July 2013 and December 2014 - but not before being a Rajya Sabha MP between 2009 and 2010.

While in the helm as chief minister, Hemant succeeded in conducting four Jharkhand Public Service (Civil Services) Examinations pending for several years. Recently, the Jharkhand cabinet also approved the creation of around 50,000 posts of assistant teachers for primary and middle schools, besides distributing appointment letters to thousands of candidates in the last two-and-a-half years.

Hemant has succeeded in winning the hearts of Jharkhand's indigenous people by strongly opposing the amendments to the 1908 Chhotanagpur Tenancy Act (CNT) and the contentious 1949 Santhal Pargana Tenancy Act (SPT). The proposed amendments sought to give rights to tribals to make commercial use of their land lying unused for ages, while ensuring that land ownership did not change.



New SOPs announced for highways projects

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ New Delhi

ALL road development agencies, including National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and state governments, have been asked to submit proposals for highways projects to Network Planning Group (NPG) in prescribed format. As per the revised standard operating procedure (SoP) issued by the ministry of road transport and highways, all new green field projects, which are not part of Bharatmala Pariyojana or the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) and costing more than ₹500 crore need to be presented before the NPG for their comments or suggestion in a prescribed format.

The note says that all the project proponents - National High Authority of India (NHAI), National Highways and Infrastructure Development Limited (NHIDCL), project zones of the ministry and Border Road Organisation (BRO) will submit a report of specific proposed project with powerpoint presentation and forward it to the



Planning Zone for seeking convenience of the NPG.

The presentation will comprise all details- planning aspects of the project from the logistics, multi modal point and complementarity or synergy with other infrastructure requirements.

Convenience of NPG shall be sought by the ministry for organising meetings for discussion on the project and once the meeting notice is received, the project proponent shall present the project to the NPG, the OM reads.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched PM Gati Shakti NMP for multi-modal connectivity aiming to develop infrastructure to reduce logistic costs and boost the economy in October 2021.

Ramana: A judge who delivered landmark judgments

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

AFTER serving a tenure of over 16 months, Chief Justice of India N V Ramana who was the 48th CJI demitted office on August 26, 2022.

Justice Ramana who was appointed as SC judge on February 17, 2014 held the bench that passed a landmark order against Internet ban in Kashmir. Bench headed by him also passed a verdict where it was observed that restrictions in UAPA would not bar constitutional courts from granting bail if there were violations of fundamental rights due to delay in trial. He was part of 5-judge bench that held that office of CJI would come under purview of RTI Act. After his appointment as the CJI on April 25, 2021, he portrayed a strict approach in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence case that resulted in the arrest of Union Minister Ajay Mishra's son Ashish



Mishra and also halted the demolition drive post communal riots in Jahangirpuri.

The bench headed by him played an imperative role in chalking the path of rift between Maha Vikas Aghadi Government's Eknath Shinde and Uddhav Thackeray. On July 11, he asked Maharashtra Assembly

Speaker to not take any action on the disqualification notices issued to Shiv Sena MLAs. On August 23, he referred to 5-judge bench pleas raising several constitutional questions related to defection, merger and disqualification. He also asked EC to not pass any order on Shinde faction's plea that it be considered

Key judgments on last day of Justice Ramana

A day before his retirement, bench led by him sought Centre & Gujarat government's response in plea challenging remission granted to convicts in Bilkis Bano case. He also perused reports of the committees that were constituted by his bench to probe into issue of Pegasus and PM security lapse. Ex-CJI had also sought centre's response in plea seeking review of the judgement that had upheld various provisions of PMLA.

the real Shiv Sena and granted party's poll symbol. Ex-CJI also put on hold the sedition law and had asked the Central and State governments Section 124A of IPC which criminalises offence of sedition. Ramana, who always raised concerns on prolonged incarceration of under trials, had also taken suo moto

cognisance of delay in release of prisoners from Agra prison after bail. His bench also gave the go-ahead for implementation of system for electronic transmission of its orders by launching digital platform, "Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records".

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HIGH COURT

'Appoint women lawyers for POCSO cases'

NAMITA BAIJAL @ Lucknow

The Allahabad High Court recently issued directives to Legal Services Committee of the court to try and appoint women advocates to represent the victims of cases lodged under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Justice Ajay Bhanot observed that although the Legal Services Committee had empanelled counsel to represent such victims, but very few lady counsels were appearing in such cases on behalf of minor girls.

The single-judge bench was hearing a bail plea of a petitioner booked for rape under Section 376 of the IPC, POCSO Act and the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

He had been in jail since June 8, 2021 and his bail plea was rejected by the Jaunpur trial court. The bench noted that the offence was grave as the victim was speech impaired and the likelihood of the applicant committed the offence was corroborated by the records. "At this stage, no case for bail is made out," said Justice Bhanot.

He also issued directives to the trial court to hear the case on a day-to-day basis and conclude the trial within a year.

200 injured in annual stone-pelting ritual in MP

Gotmar fair in Chhindwara has caused 13 deaths since 1955

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

AN annual 'war of stone-pelting' involving residents of two riverside villages, which is linked to a mythological tale about killing of two lovers, left around 200 people injured in Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh on Saturday.

Two of the injured are reportedly in a critical condition in a hospital in neighbouring Nagpur, official sources said.

Separated by the Jam river, the villagers of Pandhurna and Sabargaon indulged in the deadly ritual on the 15th day of the dark fortnight (Shanishchhari Amavasya) of Hindi month of Bhadrapad. The ritual is a part of tradition that goes back at least five centuries.

As a part of the annual Gotmar fair, the two sides stock up rocks and pelt each other with them, injuring dozens of them. Sources in Chhindwara - around 300km from state capital Bhopal - say the brickbats have seen 13 deaths since 1955.

Official sources say that every year, the Chhindwara authorities impose prohibi-



Ceremony enacts legend that two lovers (a girl from Sanwargaon and boy from Pandhurna village) died after being caught in the middle of stone-pelting

tory orders, ban the sale of liquor for two days and try to prevent stocking of stones in both villages, to little effect.

Officials say they have made several attempts over the years to dissuade the villagers to give up the dangerous ritual. Even during the two Covid years, some residents managed to keep up the tradition despite all preventive measures.

While at least 100 people were reportedly injured in 2020, the count was 250 in the following year. Officials re-

call that in 1978 and 1987, the local police had to resort to firing after mobs from both sides attacked each other as well as the police personnel.

Every year the local administration deploys teams of doctors and paramedics at the Gotmar Fair venue to timely treat major injuries.

The legend has it that two love-birds (the girl from Sanwargaon and boy from Pandhurna village) died after being caught in the middle of stone-pelting involving the two sides near the Jam river.

U'khand CM orders probe in seven-year-old recruitment scam

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

CHIEF Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Saturday ordered a vigilance inquiry into seven-year-old recruitment examinations for sub-inspectors held in 2015-16.

The probe was ordered after questioning the accused in the recruitment scam probe, in which another scam came to light in the recruitment of 339 sub-inspectors.

The special task force (STF) of the state police, which is already probing the scams, has made two more significant arrests in the UKSSSC graduate-level recruitment exam paper leak case. Earlier, the Congress leaders had met Gurmit Singh, governor of Uttarakhand, on Friday and demanded a CBI probe into all scams.

State spokesperson of Congress, Garima Dasouni, said, "The state's vigilance inquiry and police investigations are mere formalities."

"The handlers of this gang cannot be caught without a CBI probe," she added.

Leaving no stone unturned on the issues, the Congress also demanded a CBI probe into the ad hoc recruitments of 73 people in the state assembly dur-

ing the past few years.

The state Congress president, Karan Mahra, said, "If scams are taking place in the assembly of the state, how can the rest of the state remain untouched."

The STF has made two more important arrests in the UKSSSC graduate-level recruitment exam paper leak case. The police had earlier arrested Kendrapal, the head of Dhampur Bijnor copying centre, on Friday and Rajesh Chauhan, owner of Lucknow-based RMS Techno Solutions Pvt Ltd printing press, on Saturday. This is the 25th arrest in the paper leak case. The senior superintendent of STF, Ajay Singh said, "The STF has arrested Rajesh Chauhan from Lucknow for leaking the examination paper and making a deal through Kendrapal and others. A day earlier, the STF had also arrested Kendrapal from Dhampur in Bijnor district."

Singh said that Chauhan struck a deal in the UKSSSC paper leak for Rs 2 crore. After the arrest of Rajesh Chauhan, who is believed to be the kingpin of the paper leak, and Kendrapal, the mastermind behind the cheating gang, a dozen more arrests are expected in the case.

2 BSF MEN HELD FOR RAPE OF WOMAN IN FRONT OF CHILD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

TWO BSF personnel, including an officer of assistant sub-inspector rank, were arrested on Friday night on the charges of raping a woman in front of her two-year-old daughter in North 24 Paraganas' Bagda area.

The accused, ASI SP Chero and constable Altam Hossain, have been suspended and a court of inquiry has been ordered, said a police official.

According to police, the incident took place early on Friday when the woman, with her child, was spotted near the border fencing as she was allegedly to enter Bangladesh illegally. "The victim mentioned in his complaint that she was heading to Bangladesh after knowing that one of her relatives fell ill. After being caught, she was dragged to a nearby field by the two accused where the crime was committed. The incident came to light after the woman lodged a complaint with us," said an officer of Bagda police station.

The incident triggered a war of words between the ruling Trinamool Congress and the BJP.

"Our country is becoming increasingly UNSAFE for women under @BJPIndia's misrule! Mr @AmitShah, under your watch, BSF officer & jawan raped a woman; threatened her with consequences if she raised her voice. Indeed a shining example of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat!'" the TMC tweeted.

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee repeatedly disapproved the Centre's decision to extend the BSF's jurisdiction from 15 km to 50 km from the fencing of the international border.

Responding to TMC's tweet BJP's spokesperson Shamik Bhattacharyasaid, "Such comments from the TMC is unacceptable. You cannot malign the entire force because of such isolated incidents. If the incident took place, the guilty persons will be brought to the justice. The law will take its own course if anyone has committed a crime," he said.

LAPSES

Dam probe: 8 govt officials suspended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

HEADS have finally started to roll in connection with lapses that led to the August 11-12 breach in the under construction Karam Dam in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh. A fortnight after the breach in the ₹ 304 crore Karam Dam, the state government suspended on Friday evening as many as eight officers of the water resources department, among them seven engineers and one SDO for various lapses.

The eight suspended government staff, included one chief engineer, a superintendent engineer, an executive engineer, four sub engineers and an SDO.

The action was initiated by the water resources department against the eight MP government staffers, based on the findings of the preliminary report of a probe panel constituted by the state government to investigate the sudden breach in the Dam whose construction started four years back.

The probe panel had found various lapses and gross dereliction of duty by the officials.

Guj Congress firms up Koli flank against BJP's Patidars

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

AHEAD of the Gujarat assembly polls, the Congress is trying to win over the Koli community, which is more dominant than the Patidar vote bank of the BJP.

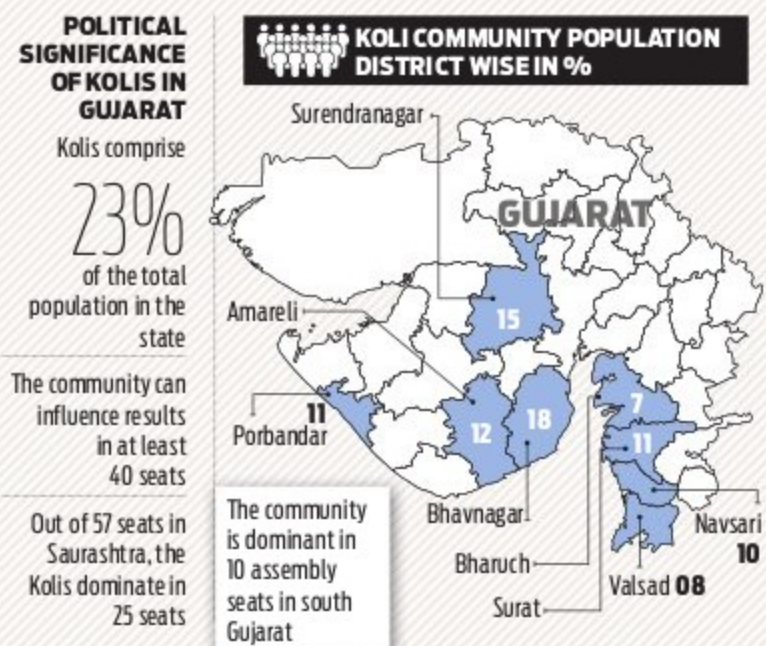
A top Koli community leader, Soma Gandhal Koli Patel, who had joined the BJP in 2020, met a congress leader and hinted at his return to the party. Prominent Koli community leader Soma Patel recently met AICC secretary Ram Kishan Ojha during Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot's visit to Ahmedabad.

Gehlot is also the party in-charge of the state. The talks reportedly focused on the Kolis rather than on the Patidars. The Kolis dominate 28 of 182 seats in the Gujarat assembly. The Congress had initially tried to woo Patidar leader Naresh Patel, but he remained aloof. Then young Hardik Patel, who became the face of the Patidar movement, broke away and joined the BJP. In such circumstances, the party could look for the Koli support, said a state Congress leader.

The Koli community has influenced the state politics much more than the

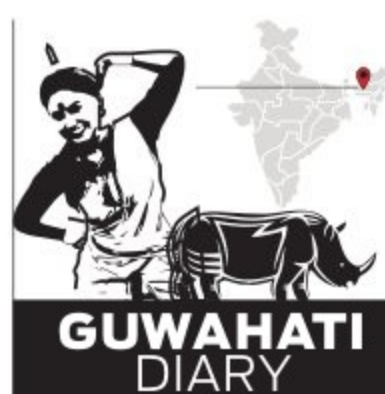
THE KOLI FACTOR

As many as 18 MLAs from the Koli community were elected in the 2012 assembly elections. The number rose to 27 in the 2017 assembly elections



Patidars have, as the former has political dominance in most areas of Gujarat. Along the Saurashtra coast in Rajkot, Surendranagar, Ahmedabad, Botad, Morbi districts, and in Bharuch, Surat, Valsad, and Navsari cities in south Gujarat, the Koli community has had dominance over many assembly seats. The Kolis com-

prise one-third of the state population and form an equal vote share in the state electoral politics. The community can influence results in 82 assembly seats with a decisive presence in at least 44 seats. At least 18 MLAs from the Koli community were elected in the 2012 assembly elections. Their number rose to 27 in 2017.



GUWAHATI DIARY

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'Mohalla clinics can't be a healthcare model'

Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma made light of the Aam Aadmi Party's healthcare initiatives in Delhi. He said the Anvud Kejriwal government's mohalla clinics cannot be a model of healthcare in the country. "People should come to Assam and see how we are promoting a medical college in every district," the CM said. The Assam government envisages a medical college in each of the state's 35 districts. The state has seven medical colleges while more are in the pipeline. There are, however, allegations that the new medical colleges lack facilities and doctors. Moreover, the state recently raised the retirement age of government doctors from 65 to 70 years.

After Atal Udyan, city gets Amrit Udyan

In the year of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Assam has got an 'Amrit Udyan', built in Guwahati at a cost of ₹ 14.81 crore. It straddles across 14 bighas of land. Executed by M/s Nirman, the project was completed in just a year. The land was procured for ₹ 25 crore. A striking feature of the park is the life-sized statues of eight tribal leaders who had fought valiantly in the freedom movement. Besides, the park boasts of a multi-utility building which houses a restaurant, a meditation deck, a roller-skating ring among others. The park has separate parking facilities for two and three wheelers. Last year, the government had opened the Atal Udyan in the city.



Stalemate continues over lessons in English

The Assam government has stirred a hornet's nest by deciding that mathematics and science will be taught in English medium from class III in all state-run vernacular medium schools starting next academic session. The decision not only triggered outrage among opposition parties, students' organisations, literary bodies etc, it has also divided the ruling BJP. The government's justification is that the move will help students grasp English better and help them in higher education. However, critics, including the All Assam Students' Union, said the government's decision would destroy the state's non-English medium schools.

SIGN OF RELIEF

Palanquin ambulance saves lives in remote Bengal

PRONAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

PALANQUIN or palki, once the transport mode for zamindars and brides, has become a life-saving facility for residents living in the 'shadow zone' of Alipurduar's Buxa area where 3,000 odd indigenous tribes reside in 11 villages without having access to motorable roads.

Since environment ministry does not permit building of any concrete structure, including roads or mobile towers in the Buxa Tiger Reserve, district magistrate Surendra Kumar Meena took the unique initiative to utilise the century-old transport mode as ambulance to carry sick people and pregnant women to the local healthcare centre.

"The villages are located at a height of 4,600 ft above sea level in core areas of the forested rocky zone. I saw sick people and pregnant women being carried in sacks and the plight of the people touched me. While interacting with the villagers to find a solution, we



Villagers earlier had to carry sick persons and pregnant women living near the India-Bhutan border on makeshift stretchers made of sacks, clothes and bamboo

adopted the idea of launching palanquin- ambulance service," said Meena.

For a long time, the villagers used to carry sick people and pregnant mother living near the India-Bhutan border on makeshift stretchers made out of sacks, clothes and bamboo sticks. With Meena's innovative idea, the nightmarish journey through narrow rocky for-

est paths of expecting mothers in labour is now a thing of past.

The unique service was launched early this year with two palanquins stationed in the remote villages. "The goal is to station one palanquin in each village and cover the whole 11 villages with this facility," said Meena.

While transporting a preg-

nant mother, a trained nurse, midwives living in the local villages, accompany the palanquin ambulance and volunteers from the villages carry it till a point which has a concrete road from where an ambulance provided by the state health department takes the patient to the local healthcare centre and, if necessary, to the Alipurduar district hospital which is 35 km away. The new service appears to be a lifeline for many women who are expecting. They knew what plight a pregnant woman had to face to reach the local healthcare centre. Earlier, the villagers had to trek for over two hours along the difficult terrain.

The free-of-cost initiative has brought smile on the faces of would-be mothers in the area as many from the area availed the facility and returned home with their newborns without facing hardship. The service is being provided by the district administration with assistance from the Family Planning Association of India.

INDIA AND NEPAL'S FABLED 'ROTI-BETI' RELATIONS AT STAKE

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

MATRIMONIAL ties between India and Nepal can be traced back to mythology when Prince Ram of Ayodhya married Princess Sita of Janakpur. This centuries old trend of cross-border marriages between the people of the two countries, which has become the basis for a well-known phrase 'roti-beti' relationship, has seen a sharp decline in recent years, according to experts who have been closely studying it.

The reasons include improvement in living standards in both countries, access to better education, availability of better prospects within their own countries and citizenship issues after marriage. "With economic advancement and access to education, people on both sides of the border feel they are better off in their own countries," former Nepalese bureaucrat and Professor



ILLUSTRATION: SOURAV ROY

at Tribhuvan University, Vijay Kant Karna said.

As for Indian brides looking for grooms in Nepal, that country's citizenship rules have been a discouraging factor. First-generation immigrants through marriage are not allowed to have a stake in property and are not considered for government positions.

A research conducted in nine border districts of Nepal

highlights the decline in cross-border marriages. Earlier, about seven in 10 marriages in these districts could be considered as cross-border. This number has fallen drastically.

"Our research points out border blockades, the dowry system, a heightened anti-Indian sentiment in Nepal, debates around the naturalized citizenship provisions, occasional difficulties in crossing the border, availability of educated and employed bride/groom in Nepal are main factors," Nepal-based Centre for Social Inclusion and Federalism (CESIF) said.

The decline can be observed especially among the Dalits, the Muslims and members of the OBC communities among whom the cross-border marriages were the most common. As they started attaining good education and lucrative job opportunities, the trend of looking for partners in India has declined, according to CESIF.

KREMLIN BLOCKS UN NUCLEAR TREATY

Russia was opposed to paragraphs concerning Ukrainian power plant in Zaporizhzhia

VATICAN CITY

WITH a solemn ceremony to create new cardinals, Pope Francis was poised to formally expand the ranks of churchmen now eligible to vote for his successor in case he dies or resigns.

Of the 20 churchmen being raised to the rank of cardinal in St. Peter's Basilica, 16 are younger than 80 and thus eligible to participate in a conclave who cast paper ballots to elect a new pontiff.

In choosing San Diego Bishop Robert Walter McElroy, Francis passed over US churchmen leading traditionally more prestigious dioceses.

McElroy has been among the few American bishops who questioned why the US bishops conference insists on identifying abortion as its 'preeminent' priority. Echoing the pope's concerns, he has questioned why greater prominence isn't given to poverty, immigration and climate change.

He is also among a minority of US bishops opposed to a campaign to deny Communion to Catholic politicians who support abortion rights.

UNITED NATIONS

RUSSIA prevented the adoption of a joint declaration following a four-week UN conference on a nuclear disarmament treaty, with Moscow denouncing what it said were 'political' aspects of the text.

The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which 191 signatories review every five years, aims to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, promote complete disarmament and promote cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

The nations had been gathered at UN headquarters in New York since August 1 participating in a month of negotiations, including a final session that was postponed for several hours on Friday.

In the end, the conference's president, Gustavo Zlauvini of Argentina, said it was "not in a position to achieve agreement" after Russia took issue with the text. Russian representative Igor Vishnevsky said the draft final text, which was more than 30 pages long, lacked 'balance'.

"Our delegation has one key objection on some paragraphs which are blatantly political in nature," he said, adding Russia was not the only country to take issue with the text.

According to sources close to the negotiations, Russia was opposed in particular to paragraphs concerning the Ukrainian nuclear power plant in Zaporizhzhia, which is occupied by the Russian military.



The symbol of the United Nations | AP

The latest draft text had expressed 'grave concern' over military activities around Ukrainian power plants, including Zaporizhzhia, as well as over Ukraine's loss of control of such sites and the negative impact on safety.

Neutral and non-nuclear Austria condemned on Saturday the attitude at

the talks of major powers, and not just Russia.

"While three-quarters of the 191 signatory states support credible progress for nuclear disarmament, it is mainly the nuclear-armed states, and above all Russia, which resisted," the government in Vienna said in a statement.

It noted that contrary to treaty commitments, Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States are improving or expanding their stock of nuclear weapons. "During the negotiations in New York, there was no perceptible willingness to meet the previously unfulfilled contractual obligations."

The signatories discussed a number of other hot-button topics during the conference, including Iran's nuclear program and North Korean nuclear tests. At the conference, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned the world faces 'a nuclear danger not seen since the height of the Cold War.' "Today, humanity is just one miscalculation away from nuclear annihilation," he said. AFP

India and Argentina to diversify bilateral ties

BUENOS AIRES

INDIA and Argentina have reaffirmed their commitment to further deepening and diversifying their bilateral cooperation, expanding it in new domains by broadening their strategic partnership to address global challenges like terrorism and climate change.

In a statement following the Joint Commission Meeting between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Minister of Foreign Affairs International Trade and Worship Santiago Cafiero on Friday, the two countries reviewed their ongoing cooperation in the strategic sectors of defence, nuclear energy and space and reiterated their commitment to work together for mutual benefit.

They also agreed to enhance cooperation in the defence sector within the framework of the MOU on Defence Cooperation signed in 2019. Jaishankar, acknowledging Argentine interest in TEJAS for Argentine Air Force, highlighted importance of the proposal in boosting strategic quotient of the relationship.

DOCUMENTS LOST

This is to inform that my client Suresh S/o Narayanappa, R/At Nandavana Layout, No. 944, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru declare that on 23-08-2022, when he went to take xerox of the property documents, he has lost the documents of Site No. 2052-AX (JGN-1-04139-2020-21) dated 11-11-2022 and Site No. 2053-AX (JGN-1-04150-2020-21) dated 11-11-2022 totally measuring 30x40sq.ft which was purchased in 2019. Inspite of best efforts he could not trace the same and in this regard on 23-08-2022, he had lodged police complaint at Jigani Police Station, Bengaluru. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the below said address.

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WESTERN RAILWAY RATLAM DIVISION

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. : M247GLR5BAPANEL2216
Date: 23.08.2022 Name of work : Repair, Rehabilitation and Modification of Smoothing Reactors Type SL-30 of Electric Locomotives. Location: Office of CWM/Dahod W.R.Ry. Estimated cost of the work: Rs. 7,86,56,860/-
Bidding Security: Rs. 5,43,300/-
Date & time of Submission & opening of E-Tender: Submission of E-tender upto 15.00 Hrs. on 15.09.2022 and opening of E-tender at 15.30 Hrs. on same day. Tender Notice and documents available at: www.ireps.gov.in/E-Tenders/Works/IR/Electrical.
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LOSS OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

This is to inform the General Public that my clients MR. RAMESH SHAMSUNDER CHAWLA and MRS. YASHNA R CHAWLA, both residing at No.211, Mangalya Residences, 6th, Benson Cross Road, Benson Town, Bangalore - 560046, have lost/misplaced the below mentioned documents: a) Original registered Sale Deed dated: 24/12/2006, bearing Document No.JAY-1-01362-2006-07, stored in C.D. No. JAYD106, registered on 26/12/2008, in the office of the Sub Registrar Jayanagar, Bangalore. b) Original Khata Certificate bearing No. BMR/REV/2006-07/KC/21755, Dt.08/02/2007, in respect of the Property bearing Old No.10, New No.69, 8th Main Road, Present Municipal No.101, 3rd Main Road, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, with Property I.D. No.50-45-101, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 12 Feet and in all measuring 480 square feet and the said documents are not traceable/infind of their best efforts. My clients have also lodged a police complaint in this regard.

The General Public are further informed that if anyone were to come in possession of the aforesaid documents, they may return the same to the undersigned. In case the finder of the aforesaid documents tries to misuse by way of issuing notice, filing suits/under any provisions of law or for recovery of any amount on the strength of the documents referred above, my clients shall not be held responsible/liable for any such transfer, charge, claim or interest in any manner either by holder of Original Sale deed or anybody else acting on their behalf by using the same and all such claims/liabilities shall not be binding on my clients.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public is hereby informed that, we S. Kishore Babu S/o. Sri Ashwathnarayana Setty, & S.K. Prathibha Rani, W/o. S. Kishore Babu, R/At No. 565, First Floor, 1st Main, Nagendra Block, Bangalore-560050 intending to purchase the schedule property from his owner Dr. Smitha S. W/o. Dr. T. S. Bhooapat R/At No. 1341, BSK First Stage 5th 'A' Cross, Ashoknagar, Bangalore-560050.

Any person's company Financial Institution, Firm etc., having any claim or objection for the proposed purchase or having any right, title or interest in the Schedule Property may contact or lodge such claim and objection in writing with supporting documents within FIVE DAYS from the date of publication failing which it will be presumed that there are no valid claims charges and encumbrance whatsoever over the Schedule Property and I would proceed to complete the sale transaction any claim received Lodged thereafter will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of building comprised on House property bearing No.1341, Block-II, BSK 1st Stage, now at No.34, 5th Cross, Ashoknagar, Banashankari 1st stage, 2nd Block, Bengaluru, P.D. No. 51-44-34, Ward No.164, measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South 60 Feet together with the existing building with all amenities and bounded on the - EAST BY : Property No.1340, WEST BY : Property No.1342, NORTH BY : Property No.1309 & 1307, SOUTH BY: Road.

S. Kishore Babu
No. 565, First Floor, 1st Main,
Nagendra Block, Bangalore-560050.
M : 98453 70737

WESTERN RAILWAY RATLAM DIVISION

E-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. : M247GLR5SL302215 Date : 23.08.2022 Name of Work : Repair, Rehabilitation and Modification of Smoothing Reactors Type SL 30 of Electric Locomotives Location: Office of CWM/ Dahod W.R.Ry. Estimated cost of the Work: Rs. 8,45,49,426/- Bid Security: Rs. 5,72,800/- Date & Time of Submission & Opening of E Tender: Submission of E Tender Upto 15.00 hrs on 14.09.2022 and Opening of E Tender at 15.30 hrs on same day. Tender Notice and documents available at: www.ireps.gov.in/E-Tender/Works/IR/Electrical.
AEE(W), W.R., Ratlam

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client is intended to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from the Present owner SMT.MAYAMMA, wife of Late Veerabadrappa and the owner have handed over the Xerox copies of the documents in respect of the Schedule Property which is in custody of my client. Any person having any right, claim, title, interest or possession over the schedule property may file their objections to the under signed with valid documentary proof, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice and if no valid objection/s are received in respect of schedule property within above said stipulated period, my client will proceed to purchase the above said property with assumption that, there are no objections or claim or title or interest or possession whatsoever nature from any person/s for purchasing the schedule property from client. Any objection received thereafter 15 days will not be entertained and my client will proceed to purchase the Property in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural property bearing Sy. No.68/1 old Sy.No.68/31 Measuring 1 acre 36 guntas, situated at Avarage Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramnagara Taluk and District, and bounded on the: East by: Vajarahalli Boundary, West by: Land belongs to Rudrahannaiah, North by: Land belongs Honbiah, South by: Road.

KRUTHINE LAW CHAMBERS, Advocates
No.47, Jayadatta Mansion, 5 Cross, 5th Main Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003.
Mobile No: 9844233994, 9448080844
Date: 28-08-2022, Place: Bengaluru.

BEFORE THE LXXXIX ADDITIONAL CITY & SESSIONS JUDGE COMMERCIAL COURT (CCH 90) AT BANGALORE

COM O.S. No. 352/2021
Plaintiffs : M/s. VAR Facility Management Solutions Pvt.Ltd. -Vs- Defendants : M/s. Harvest Hotels and Serviced Apartments Private Limited and 3 others
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT No.3 UNDER ORDER RULE 20 OF CPC
Mr. Manoj Airon, Authorised Representative, M/s. Harvest Hotels and Serviced Apartments Private Limited, Margosa Avenue, Green Glen Layout, Bellandur, Bengaluru - 560 103.
The Plaintiff in the above suit had instituted the suit against the Defendants for Judgement and Decree for Rs.26.67,189/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine only) with court cost and current interest at 18% per annum pending on the file of LXXXIX Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, Commercial Court, CCH No.90, at Bangalore Therefore, you are hereby summoned to appear before this Honble Court either in person or through a duly instructed advocate on 17.09.2022 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim of the Plaintiff. On your failure to appear before the Honble Court on the aforesaid date the case will be decided EX PARTE.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on 25/08/2022, Bangalore.

By the Order of the Court
Sd/- Sheristadar,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
Plaintiff Counsel: AYN Gupta, Advocate
'Prabhat', No.5, 3rd Cross, Vyalkaval, Bangalore - 560 003.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to General Public that my client Sri. D.K. Vasudevamurthy, presently residing at Doddajjala Village, has lost the original Discharge Deed, executed by M/s. The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Ltd. in favour of Sri. P. Sampangi, registered as document no.YAN-1-1421-2004-2005 Block I, stored in CD no. YAND80, on 24/08/2004, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, with respect to discharging the charge created over the schedule property mentioned below and the same is not traceable. If found in/on to Smt. B. Mallika, Advocate, whose address is mentioned as below, within eight days from the date of publication.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Site No. 33, Municipal Assessment Khatha No. 1752/33, Old No. 33, Municipal Assessment Khatha No. 809/19/1752/33 presently under the limits of BBMP bearing BMRP new Khatha No.1992/809/19/1752/33 Situated at Marathigara, 2nd division, Yelahanka Town, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Site measuring East to West: (40+44)2 Sq. Ft., North to South: 30 feet, in all measuring 1260 Sq. Ft., along with the house built over it with all civic amenities and bounded on the: Boundaries: East by : Road, West by : Property belonging to Sri. Thimmaiah, North by : Property No. 34, South by : Property No. 32.

MALLIKARJUN
No. 203, 2nd Floor,
Saraswathipuram Main Road,
Nandinhalay, Bangalore- 560 096.
Ph: 9742658187

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client, M/s. SIVA CERAMICS, is intending to purchase a property fully described in the schedule hereunder from the landowner Sri. P. SRINIVAS and others. Any person having any kind of right, interest or claim may lodge their objections in writing with documentary proof on or before 4 September 2022 to the undersigned. If any kind of Objection is not received, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property in accordance with law. Any claim received thereafter will not be entertained or considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal New No.17/3 (old No.21, later No.17), situated at J.C. Road Cross Road, Doddajjala Village, Marathigara, presently within the limits of Corporation Sudhama Nagar Ward No.48, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 34.9 Feet, in all measuring 1042.06 Square Feet, bounded on the:

East by : Remaining portion of same property
West by : Remaining portion of same property
North by : 15 Feet Common Passage
South by : Private Property
D. SRINIVASA, Advocate,
No.13, 3rd Cross, Journalist Colony, Bangalore-560002
Mobile: 9886047740
Bangalore, Date: 27-08-2022

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INVITATION CUM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Ref: PED-11/13/2022-EIA - NCPOR

The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) is an autonomous research institute under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), the Government of India. The Director, NCPOR invites proposal under two bid system from Indian Citizens, well versed in legal drafting for the preparation of the Rules on Indian Antarctic Activities in accordance with the Indian Antarctic Act, 2022, enacted by the Parliament of India.. Last date for submission of Proposal cum Bid is 15th September 2022 at 1300 hours.

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Ph: 080 25943732, 25943720. Fax: 080 25943729/3730, Email Id: racpc-bz1@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower hereunder.

1. Name of the Borrowers : Sri. Vinayak R Hegde S/o Sri. Ramachandra Hegde No.30, Little Thinkers Apartment, KEB Main Road, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085 And also at: 1)295e Sourabha, 1st Floor, 105, 1st Phase, 2nd Main, Near Vivekananda Park, Girinagar, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore - 560085 2)SMRATHI, Opp K.E.B. Prabhath Nagar, Honnavar, Karwar - 581334 3)RIDGE INFO TECHNOLOGY Level-8, Tower-1, Umia Business Bay, Cessna Tech Park, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560103 4)Flat No.208, 2nd Floor, 'Saketh Hillside' Block-A, Terrum Block, Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560085

Demand Notice date : 28.12.2020 **A/c No: HTL-38936143514**
Paper Publication : "The New Indian Express and Kannada Prabha" on 16.01.2021
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice:Rs.58,24,934/- (Rupees Fifty eight lakhs twenty four thousand nine hundred and thirty four only) as on 28.12.2020 + interest from 29.12.2020 + incidental charges etc. thereon.
Possession Taken date : 24.08.2022
Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.56,39,911/- (Rupees Fifty six lakhs thirty nine thousand nine hundred and eleven only) as on 24.08.2022 and interest from 25.08.2022 plus expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: Description of Immovable property
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of eastern portion of Residential Converted Land bearing Sy.No.6/1, BBMP Katha No. 1033/924/6/1, measuring 31.5 Guntas (including 1 Gunta of Kharab Land) out of 1 Acre 23 Guntas (including 2 Guntas Kharab Land) situated in Hoskerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, duly converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose Vide Deputy Commissioner, order bearing No.ALN(S) SR (S.U)32/09-10 dated 08.10.2009, now coming under the purview of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.160 and bounded on: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.6/1, belonging to Mr.S.Vasantha Rao with existing RCC Roof building along with protective mesh compound along the border, **West by:** Remaining portion of Sy.No.6/1, purchased by M/s Saketh Builders from Smt. V K Bharathi. **North by:** 30 feet Road (towards North East Corner) and remaining property bearing Sy.No.6/1, i.e., Datta Layout Property, **South by:** Private Property bearing Sy.No.136
Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of western portion of Residential Converted Land bearing Sy.No.6/1, BBMP Katha No. 1032/924/6/1, measuring 31.5 Guntas (including 1 Gunta of Kharab Land) out of 1 Acre 23 Guntas (including 2 Guntas Kharab Land) situated in Hoskerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, duly converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose vide Deputy Commissioner, order bearing No.ALN(S) SR (S.U)32/09-10 dated 08.10.2009, now coming under the purview of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.160 and bounded on: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.6/1, belonging to M/s Saketh Constructors from Smt.V.K.Bharathi **West by:** Property bearing Sy.No.7, **North by:** 30 feet Road (towards North West Corner) and remaining property bearing Sy.No.6/1, i.e., Datta Layout Property, **South by:** Private Property bearing Sy.No.136 Both the items having amalgamated property bearing Municipal / BBMP No.1032/924/6/1, Converted Land bearing Sy.No.6/1, duly converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose vide Deputy Commissioner, order bearing No.ALN(S) SR (S.U)32/09-10 dated 08.10.2009 situated in Hoskerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now coming under the purview of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.160, totally measuring 66429 Sq.feet and having a common boundary as hereunder: **East by:** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.6/1, belonging to Mr.S.Vasantha Rao with existing RCC Roof building along with protective mesh compound along the border, **West by:** Property bearing Sy.No.7, **North by:** Road (towards North West Corner) and remaining property bearing Sy.No.6/1, i.e., Datta Layout Property, **South by:** Private Property bearing Sy.No.136
SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: .345 Sq.feet of undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in Schedule "A" Property
SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY: Three Bed Rooms, Flat No.208 in the Second Floor of "TERRUM BLOCK" in Apartment building known as "SAKETH HILLSIDE" constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, having a **super built-up area of 1400 Sq.foot** along with **one covered car parking slot provided in the Stilt / Basement**, together with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircases, lift, generator, corridors, overhead tank, sump water and other areas of common use (including one half depth of joints between the ceiling of the building above it and internal and external walls between such levels)

2. Name of the Borrower :Sri.Premchandra Chiruvolu S/o Sri. Sreerajulu Chiruvolu No.402, 'Shri.Abhiram' Emerald Creek', 3rd Cross, Reliable Residency Layout, Somasandrapalya, HSR Sector 2, Bangalore-560102

Demand Notice date : 31.08.2021 **A/c No:HTL-37258358731**
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice :Rs.46,99,785/-(Rupees Forty six lakhs ninety nine thousand seven hundred and eighty five only) as on 31.08.2021 + interest from 01.09.2021 + incidental charges thereon
Possession Taken date : 24.08.2022
Loan Outstanding amount :Rs.47,50,103 (Rupees Forty seven lakhs fifty thousand one hundred and three only) as on 24.08.2022 and interest from 25.08.2022 plus expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
Item 1: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Present BBMP Katha No.147/31/13, Converted Sy.No.31/13, (Converted vide Conversion Certificate bearing No.ALN(S,B)(B.H):SR:77/13-14, dated 14/02/2014, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist., Bangalore), situated at Haralukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, totally measuring 8 Guntas, with all right, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by : Land in Sy.No.101/2 & Road; West by : Land in Sy.No.31/14 belongs to K.Vasudev; North by : Land in Sy.No.30/2 belongs to Keshav Reddy; South by : Sy.No.101/2 & Sy.No.101/1 belongs to S.S. Srinivas Reddy.
Item 2: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Present BBMP Katha No.200/101/2, Converted Sy.No.101/2, (Converted vide Conversion Certificate bearing No.ALN(EVH):SR:335/13-14, dated 19/03/2014, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist., Bangalore), situated at Haraluru Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, totally measuring 4 Guntas, with all right, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by : Land in Sy.No.104 & Road; West by : Land in Sy.No.31/13 belongs to Haralukunte Village; North by : Land in Sy.No.31/13 belongs to Haralukunte Village; South by : Remaining Portion of Sy.No.101/1 & 2.
COMPOSITE 'A' SCHEDULE : All that piece and parcel of Property bearing earlier BBMP Katha No.147/31/13 & 200/101/2, presently bears a common BBMP Katha No.147/31/13 & 101/2, Converted Sy.Nos.31/13 and 101/2, (Converted vide Conversion Certificate bearing Nos. ALN(S,B)(B.H):SR:77/13-14, dated 14/02/2014 and ALN(EVH):SR:335/13-14, dated 19/03/2014, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist., Bangalore), situated at Haralukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and Haraluru Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, totally measuring 12 Guntas or 13068 Sq.Feet, presently after leaving portion of the said land towards widening of road, consequently the said property presently measures **11878 Sq.foot** with all right, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by : Road; West by : Land in Sy.No.31/14 belongs to K.Vasudev; North by : Land in Sy.No.30/2 belongs to Keshav Reddy; South by : Remaining Portion of Sy.No.101/2.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : .270.82 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above.
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : Flat bearing No.103, in the First Floor, measuring about **1140 Sq.ft** super built up area, containing Two bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring along with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., of multistoried residential building known as **"SHRI ABHIRAM'S EMERALD CREEK"** constructed over Schedule 'A' Property held in the name of **Sri.Premchandra Chiruvolu**.

3. Name of the Borrower : 1) Sri. Zainulla Shariff S/o Late Amanulla Shariff 2) Smt. Syeda Kausar Fathima Shariff W/o Sri. Zainulla Shariff #13A, 6th 'A' Cross, Boopasandra Extn. RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560094 And also at: No.67, (Old No.6), 6th Cross, 10th Main, Ganganagar North, Bangalore - 560032

Demand Notice date : 17.08.2019 **Account No: HTL-64098290799**
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice -Rs.34,57,380/-(Rupees Thirty four lakhs fifty seven thousand three hundred and eighty only) as on 17.08.2019 + interest from 17.08.2019 + incidental charges thereon
Possession Taken date : 24.08.2022
Loan Outstanding amount :Rs.36,77,852/- (Rupees Thirty six lakhs seventy seven thousand eight hundred and fifty two only) as on 24.08.2022 and interest from 25.08.2022 plus expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: All that piece and parcel of the residential building on western portion in corporation No.67 (Old No.6, Corporation Katha No.1/A, Vasanthappa Block, Bangalore) situated at 6th Cross, Ganganagar North, Ward No.98, Bangalore measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 46.5 feet in all total measuring 1395 Sq. ft. standing in the name of Smt. Syeda Kausar fathima Shariff and bounded as follows: East by: Portion of Property No.6 sold to Syed Muzammil Ahmed, West by: Property No.5, North by: Channel, South by: Road.

4. Name of the Borrower : 1) Sri.Mahesh Kalyankar S/o Sri.Shankarji Kalyankar 2) Smt.Punya K.R W/o Sr.Mahesh Kalyankar Both are residing at: #C307, 3rd Floor, C Block, 'CENTURY SARAS', BBMP Katha No.366/54/1, Attur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore-560064

Demand Notice date : 20.07.2021 **A/c No: HTL- 32995710839**
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice : Rs.46,65,597/-(Rupees Forty six lakhs sixty five thousand five hundred and ninety seven only) as on 20.07.2021 + interest from 21.07.2021 + incidental charges thereon
Possession Taken date : 24.08.2022
Loan Outstanding amount :Rs.45,30,940/- (Rupees Forty five lakhs thirty thousand nine hundred and forty only) as on 24.08.2022 and interest from 25.08.2022 plus expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : (Description of the entire property): All that piece and parcel of residentially converted immovable property bearing BBMP Katha No.366/54/1 (carved out of Survey No.54/1) measuring 82,764 Sq.Ft (1 Acre 36 Guntas), situated at Attur Village, YelahankaHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded as follows: East by :Sy.No.52, West by: Remaining portion in the same Sy.No.54/1, North by :Ananthapura Village Gaddi & South by :Sy.No.54/7.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : An undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property to an extent of **713 Sq.Ft.** which is proportionate to **1634 Sq.ft.** of super built up area of Schedule 'C' Apartment.
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : (Schedule 'C' Apartment): A 3 BHK Apartment bearing **No.C307**, in the **Third Upper Floor** of the Residential Apartment building known as **"CENTURY SARAS"** constructed with RCC frame structure with concrete block works and aluminum power coated windows, doors with vitrified flooring on the Schedule 'A' Property and **1634 Sq.ft.** of super built up area (inclusive of balconies) and proportionate share in the common areas with One Covered Car Parking space to the sale of Schedule 'C' Apartment.

The above mentioend borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on above mentioned date.
The borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India**, for amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued and cost/ expenses thereon. The borrower/s/guarantor/s/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Date :24.08.2022
Place: Bangalore
State Bank of India,
RACPC Malleshwaram, Bengaluru

Variable pay takes hit in IT firms

Top IT service providers either announced cut or delay in performance-linked pay last week

UMA KANNAN @ New Delhi

As many IT companies are facing margin pressures due to increase in employee costs and inflated attrition levels, top IT service providers either announced deduction or delay in performance-linked incentives or variable pay last week.

IT giant Infosys has deducted 30% of average variable pay of employees for the June quarter on margin pressure. In its email to employees, the company said, "The average bonus payout for Q1FY23 is 70% at an organisation level and your final individual payment will be governed by your unit/department guidelines."

Wipro is also said to have held back variable pay of employees. In order to retain talent, the company in the first quarter announced that it will offer promotions to its employees every quarter starting July and salary hikes from September.

In its statement, Wipro said, "We have also completed the first cycle of quarterly progressions effective July 1, 2022. We have no further comments on the quantum of variable pay."

The country's largest IT services firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) said it will payout 100% variable pay for its employees when reports surfaced about the company's delay in Q1 variable compensation payout.

With recession fears, high employee costs and soaring attrition rates, it is quite a challenging second-half for the IT sector.

"Variable pay may not have any direct correlation with the recession or with the fear of recession. Payouts are really contextual and could be due to various reasons. Companies are cautious on the cost leverage that they had lost in the past few quarters," says Vijay Sivaram, CEO, Quesst IT Staffing.

Post pandemic, as most IT



IT SECTOR OUTLOOK

- Infosys cuts average variable pay to 70%
- TCS, Infosys and HCL added only 37,396 employees in Q1, compared to 68,257 in previous quarter
- Potential slowdown in largest economies may witness discretionary spend cuts from clients
- Attrition levels likely to remain inflated
- According to analysts, long-term IT spending still remains resilient
- Wipro's Q1 operating margins were lower at 15%.

companies are on a recovery path due to favourable economic conditions, they might want to redirect investments towards maximising their growth, says Yeshab Giri, chief commercial officer, Staffing & Randstad Technologies, Randstad India. He says that there might be a temporary delay in the variable pay being offered to employees. While the concerns related to the global economy and inflation might persist for some time, the overall scenario of the IT sector looks extremely optimistic, particularly due to a potential uptick in hiring trends over the next two quarters, he adds.

Slowdown in hiring

Though IT companies say they are seeing a strong demand environment, they are also witnessing a bit of slowdown in clients' decision making. Also, after hiring many freshers last fiscal, IT companies are pausing hiring now.

"There is a certain amount of moderation that we have seen in

IT hiring today. Several companies had over-hired in the past few quarters, incubating freshers and lateral hires in record numbers," says Sivaram.

However, digital skills and skills such as fullstack, DevOps, analytics and cloud continue to be on a growth trajectory and hiring will certainly continue for such roles.

He adds that companies are assigning existing employees to newer projects rather than inducting fresh hires for the same.

TCS, Infosys and HCL Technologies have cumulatively added only 37,396 employees in the April-June quarter, compared to 68,257 employees in the January-March quarter.

Talking about attrition, Ritesh Varma, global head: business solutions, Newgen Software, says that, "We must accept that attrition is the hard reality of the day. This phenomenon is not limited to a few organisations but spans the entire IT industry."

"While the last two years have been full of learning for the industry, we are now witnessing an uptick in transformational initiatives. The demand is increasing as many organisations are willing to invest in new-age technologies like low code for digitalisation," he adds.

Recession fears and IT industry

Analysts have said that the EBIT (earnings before interest and taxes) margin of IT services companies will stay stressed due to rising wage revision, travel expenses and higher retention costs.

Infosys' operating margins in the first quarter were at 20%, a drop of 150 basis points compared to the previous quarter. Wipro's Q1 operating margins were lower at 15%.

On recession fears, Roshan Shetty, Chief Revenue Officer, Sonata Software says that the demand for core applications, modernisation and sustainability initiatives will continue to be impacted to a large extent.

In addition, some industries will be less impacted by these recession fears, he says.

"Discretionary spends may see some re-prioritisation. We do not foresee a significant slowdown of demand though cost pressures are likely to exist. Macroeconomic headwinds do affect discretionary spending to some extent but core spending remains largely unaffected," he adds.

Omkar Tanksale, Senior Research Analyst, Axis Securities, too says that potential slowdown in the world's largest economies may witness discretionary spend cuts from clients, leading to a slowdown in the IT services revenue growth momentum.

This scenario may put short term pressures on the Indian IT Services industry. However, long-term IT spending still remains resilient, he adds.

Indo-Japan tie positive for mfg sector: Maruti's Bhargava

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MARUTI SUZUKI Chairman RC Bhargava on Saturday said Indo-Japan collaboration in the manufacturing sector would be the best in the world.

If the two countries work with full partnership and trust, the growing partnership between India and Japan is going to be a huge positive factor for the growth of Indian manufacturing, said Bhargava.

Maruti Suzuki, Escorts Kubota and Hero Honda (two entities broke collaboration) collaboration were some of the success stories that India has witnessed.

"I believe that India Japan partnership, which we have seen in Maruti Suzuki and some other areas, is becoming stronger, and more and more Japanese companies are getting interested in investing in India, partnering with Indian companies," Bhargava said in an interview with news agency PTI.

He cited the example of Escorts Kubota, where the latter has become a promoter in the Indian farm equipment and construction equipment maker, and said, "I think this kind of partnerships between India and Japan is going to be a huge positive factor for the growth of Indian manufacturing."

According to Bhargava, a lot can be learnt from the Japanese partners about their skills, best practices and management systems.

The Maruti Chairman said the global situation is changing in a direction which favours India, aided by the various reforms measures taken by the government.

"When the world sees that In-

India-Japan partnership

If the two countries work with full partnership and trust, the growing partnership between India and Japan is going to be a huge positive factor for the growth of Indian manufacturing, said Bhargava. Maruti Suzuki, Escorts Kubota and Hero Honda (two entities broke collaboration) collaboration were some of the success stories that India has witnessed. According to Bhargava, a lot can be learnt from the Japanese partners about their skills, best practices and management systems. He said the global situation is changing in a direction which favours India, aided by the various reforms measures taken by the govt.

dia is also changing and the factors which prevented us from being competitive in manufacturing, are changing and people are looking at it, I think they will also see that India probably now will be the most competitive manufacturing destination in the world, or at least we can do a lot in large operations," he said.

He further said, "Some small countries may be very good, but then they don't have the manpower which we have."

So, if the two countries deepen their ties, this combination is unbeatable in the world. "I don't think that if India and Japan work together with full partnership and trust, anybody in the world including China can do better than us."

Maruti Suzuki is the leading carmaker in the country with a market share of more than 43% in the passenger vehicle

segment.

"I believe that India Japan partnership, which we have seen in Maruti Suzuki and some other areas, is becoming stronger, and more and more Japanese companies are getting interested in investing in India, partnering with Indian companies," Bhargava said.

The company had achieved its highest-ever annual sales of 17,29,826 units in 2018-19, cornering a market share of 51.21%. It, however, declined to 43.38% at 13,31,558 units in 2021-22. In FY22, the company reported a consolidated revenue from operations at ₹88,330 crore. Its parent Suzuki Group has so far invested ₹65,000 crore in India.

In a separate development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually lay the foundation stone of Maruti Suzuki's new manufacturing plant in Sonapat district of Haryana on August 28. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that after Gurugram and Manesar, it will be the third plant of Maruti Suzuki in Haryana.

With Maruti Suzuki setting up another such plant, a new industrial hub is going to be developed in the state, the chief minister said.

Khattar said the state government has given all kinds of facilities to the industry, due to which the state is progressing continuously as an industrial hub. He said investment of big companies like Maruti in Kharkhoda has given an impetus to the industrial environment.

In May, an MoU was signed for the allotment of land to Maruti Suzuki India and Suzuki Motorcycle India for the setting up of plants in Kharkhoda.

-with PTI inputs



Marico aims for ₹850-1K crore food biz from Saffola by FY24

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FMCG major Marico plans to continue expanding its brand 'Saffola' in line with the company's aspiration to create a ₹850-1,000 crore food portfolio by FY 2024, Marico Managing Director and CEO Saugata Gupta said while replying to the queries of shareholders in its Annual General Meeting.

During the year, the company launched Saffola Peanut Butter and Saffola Mayonnaise. The brand has other products including noodles, oats, honey and immunity booster Chyawanprash, besides the edible oil. "With these launches, we further expanded the total addressable market of the brand 'Saffola' to ₹6,000 crores," Gupta said. "The Foods portfolio achieved the aspiration of reaching ₹450-500 crore topline in FY22 and we are targeting ₹850-1,000 crore by FY24." The firm in May also announced an investment in 'True Elements', a clean label, digital-first brand playing in the rapid-



ly growing healthy breakfast and snacks segment in India.

Replying to the question of plant-based meat, Gupta said the company has a plan for increasing the addressable market of Saffola brand as part of our food journeys.

"As you know we have already launched 'Soya Chunks' and therefore you will see innovations in future in the next couple of years."

Gupta noted that the firm doesn't plan to foray into personal care space like soaps and detergents. "We will continue to stay focused on these (existing products)."

EXPRESS READ

Six appear for ONGC chairman interview

New Delhi: Six candidates, including Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd chairman Arun Kumar Singh and Engineers India Ltd head Vartika Shukla on Saturday appeared for an interview before a search-cum-selection committee that is looking for a new head for India's top oil and gas producer ONGC, sources said. The panel had called nine candidates, including ONGC's outgoing chairman Alka Mittal. PTI

US Fed chair's speech may trigger fall in Indian equity mkt

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIAN equity markets could feel the ripple effects of US Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell's Jackson Hole speech on Monday.

In his speech, the Fed chairman gave enough hints that the US central bank is not going to mellow down its aggressive stance against inflation anytime soon and that it is ready to sacrifice growth in order to rein in inflation.

Experts now see even a 75 basis point increase in US policy rates in September. The speech jolted the US equity markets with three benchmark indices

Dow Jones, S&P and Nasdaq all crashing by 3% on Friday.

The ripple effects of this could be seen on Monday in Indian markets, which had a topsy-turvy five sessions this week.

"Powell sounded ultra-hawkish in his brief speech at Jackson Hole. The Fed chief warned of some pain ahead in the economy. This is an indication that the rate hike in September can be large, even 75 bps in September, even though he reiterated that the rate hike decisions will be data driven," says V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services. He adds that markets will be concerned about the tight monetary conditions persisting long-

er than expected, and the near-term impact on equity markets will be negative. "Indian markets are also likely to react negatively on Monday with increasing volatility over the next few days," says Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd.

Powell in his Jackson Hole speech said: "Restoring price stability will take some time and requires using our tools forcefully to bring demand and supply into better balance. Reducing inflation is likely to require a sustained period of below-target growth."

He said while higher interest rates, slower growth and softer labour market conditions will

bring down inflation, they will also bring some pain to households and businesses. "These are the unfortunate costs of reducing inflation. But a failure to restore price stability would mean far greater pain," insisted Powell.

Any aggressive policy stance by the Fed could get reflected in the policy stance of the RBI. In the Minutes of the meeting from August 3 to 5, members of the Monetary Policy Committee expressed their concern over inflation being above the RBI's tolerance level, and they opined that any slack in policy response might raise questions on the credibility of the Central Bank's inflation targeting mandate.

Fed Chair's speech left many billionaires poorer by billions

	Total Net worth (\$ Bn)	Change on Friday (\$ Bn)
Elon Musk	254	-5.48
Jeff Bezos	154	-6.78
Bill Gates	118	-2.21
Warren Buffett	101	-2.72
Larry Page	101	-5.02

Source: Bloomberg Billionair Index

Ravindra Kumar Tyagi joins as Director Ops at POWERGRID

Mr. Ravindra Kumar Tyagi has joined as Director (Operations) at Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) on 12th August 2022. He is having work experience of over 32 years in Power Transmission System, out of which over 26 years are in Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of Substations and Transmission lines at various key positions in premier CPSUs in power sector such as POWERGRID and NTPC.

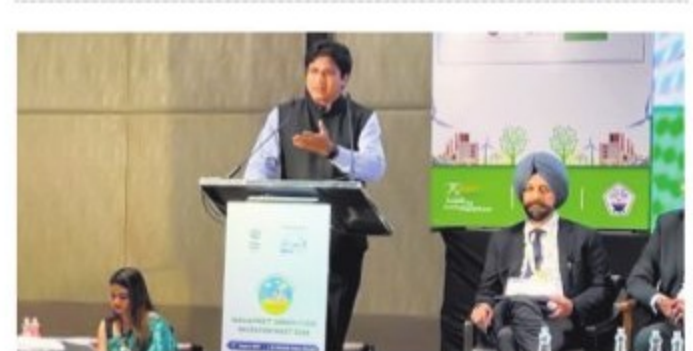


MCL shines at Coal Minister's Awards 2021-22

Sambalpur Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) has won big at the Coal Minister's Awards for 2021-22, bagging the first prize in three categories -- Safety, Production & Productivity and Quality. Shri OP Singh, Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD), received the awards from Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines, along with the functional directors Shri Keshav Rao, Director (Personnel), Shri Jugal Kumar Borah, Director (Technical/Projects & Planning).

Jai Prakash Srivastava appointed as Director (Engg, R & D), BHEL

New Delhi, August 22: On his appointment as Director on the Board of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Mr. Jai Prakash Srivastava, 57, has assumed charge as Director (Engineering, Research & Development) of the Public Sector Engineering and Manufacturing Enterprise.



IREDA committed to transition of unorganised segments of RE

Shri Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) today, reaffirmed IREDA's commitment to the transition of those which are in unorganised segments of RE to organised sector. He was speaking at the "MAHAPRIET Green Fund Investor Meet 2022" in Mumbai.

Goa Tourism Board enriched with experts

Panaji, 23: Goa Govt inducted and enriched Goa tourism Board with four new experts. Goa govt has adopted Goa Tourism Board Policy, 2000 which was notified in November 2000. Accordingly, new experts were inducted in Tourism Board namely, Ernest Dias, Parag Rangnekar, Sanjiv Sardesai and Mark Anthony Mendes. The notification in this context was issued by tourism director Nikhil Desai on 17th Aug. The appointments are for two years extendable for two more years.



Vedanta's Subhalaxmi Co-operative contributes 4000 national flags

Jharsuguda, 20th August 2022: Members of Subhalaxmi Co-operative, one of India's largest rural women's co-operatives supported by Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, responded to the Prime Minister's clarion call of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' by stitching more than 4000 national flags for the public.





Wrestler Sakshi Malik, who had won gold at the 2022 CWG, has decided to withdraw from the selection trials scheduled on Monday to pick up the team for the Worlds. She is the sixth CWG medallist to skip the trials. Women wrestlers Pooja Gehlot, Anshu Malik, Divya Kakran & Pooja Sihag along with Deepak Nehra had already withdrawn from the trials.

Kohli opens up on mental health

Ex-India skipper acknowledges that he was trying to fake his intensity of late

GOMESH S @ Chennai

AROUND a month ago, the vast majority of the cricketing fraternity was wondering why Virat Kohli was not a part of the West Indies series. After all, he had played just four T20Is since the start of the year. The selectors did not address the media. The press release through which the squad was named didn't have any explanation. And it was left to theories and assumptions.

There was no doubt that he was going through a slump — the numbers tell a good enough story. Almost every former and current player was asked about their opinion on Kohli's 'form' and what he should be doing. Pakistan captain Babar Azam tweeted about him. Even as he returned to the side for the Asia Cup, Pakistan pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi, on Friday, told him that they are praying for him. Everyone else but the man himself was talking about him. And ahead of India's opening game against Pakistan on Sunday, Kohli finally opened up — not for the first time — in an interview with Star Sports about his mental health, his struggles and voluntary time away from the game. "For the first time in 10 years, I didn't touch my bat for a month," he said on Saturday. "I came to a realisation that I was trying to fake my intensity a bit recently. I was convincing myself that no, you had the intensity. But your body was telling you to stop. The mind was telling me to take a break." Now, this might not be entirely surprising. Every time Kohli plays, he has been the most expressive, spending more energy than the other 12 guys on the

BIG WIN FOR AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan took a giant leap to make the next stage with a big eight-wicket win over Sri Lanka. After bowling out Sri Lanka for 105, Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Hazratullah Zazai strung a quickfire 83-run stand to help them to a win. **Brief scores:** Sri Lanka 105 in 19.4 ovs (Rajapaksa 38, Farooqi 3/11, Nabi 2/14) lost to Afghanistan 106/2 in 10.1 ovs (Zazai n.o 37, Gurbaz 40).

field. He admitted that it had eventually caught up with him. He acknowledged that despite the signs, he pushed himself for how he was perceived and he wanted to live up to it. "I'm not shy to admit that I was feeling mentally down. This is a very normal thing to feel, but we don't speak because we are hesitant. We don't want to be looked at as mentally weak." Kohli has to be respected for speaking up at a time he feels comfortable. That said, every time, it has happened only after he has come back into the team, and understandably so. It speaks volumes about the progress there is to make in how mental health is looked at in the spectrum of Indian sports. During the Women's ODI World Cup, the Indian team had a travelling psychologist and Harmanpreet Kaur was on the receiving end of unwarranted abuse for opening up about it after a string of low scores. Hence, it comes as no surprise that Indian cricketers, across genders, are not comfortable stating upfront that they are taking a break.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Sumariwalla says he's IOA head; Khanna dismisses it

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

IN an interesting turn of events, Athletics Federation of India (AFI) president Adille Sumariwalla has sent a letter to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announcing that he has taken over as the president of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). The post has been lying vacant since July 18 when former chief Narinder Batra had resigned. The new development will challenge the hold of the faction led by secretary general, Rajeev Mehta, and acting president, Anil Khanna.

"I am the president of the IOA now," Sumariwalla told this newspaper on Saturday. "I have been elected by 18 executive council members out of 31

and I have the majority so going by the IOA constitution, I am the president." Sumariwalla, who was a vice president, said that he will be the first Olympian and an Arjuna awardee to head the IOA.

"I sent the letter to inform the IOC that my people have elected me as the president. My objective is simple. Like in Athletics Federation of India (AFI), I want to bring in good governance with a lot of transparency and accountability. I want to bring in more professionalism."

In the letter to the IOC, he wrote, "the majority members of the IOA Executive Committee vide letters dated July 2022 have co-opted the undersigned to be the President of the IOA till such time as fresh elections

to the Executive Council of the IOA are held... 18 Executive Members out of 31, i.e., majority members, in accordance with Clause 11.1.5 of the IOA Constitution, co-opted the undersigned to fill the vacancy for the post of President, IOA."

However, it's easier said than done. Sumariwalla's announcement has been dismissed by the acting president himself. "It will be a violation of Delhi High Court order," Khanna told this newspaper. "How can Adille become the president? I am the acting president as per court directive."

"I have become the acting president after Delhi High Court's directive. And the matter of IOA is in the Supreme Court which has said that status quo should be

maintained for six weeks. I don't know why Mr Adille Sumariwalla is writing this letter now?" asked Khanna. "I have no problem if the High Court or Supreme Court said that I cannot be the acting president. I will vacate office immediately. But until the matter is in court, status quo must be maintained. I am attending meetings with the sports ministry and other sports organisations as the acting president. We just successfully concluded the Commonwealth Games. And we are on course to conduct the National Games in Gujarat soon." "We had invited Adille as the vice president of the IOA to give away prizes after the CWG, but he never said that he was the president then. If the letters were signed in July, he

could have told us then. I have been trying to resolve the matter. As acting president, I am trying to do good for the IOA and I feel people should not complicate matter. Hope to sort out everything," said Khanna.

While Sumariwalla talked about elections and said that the process will start soon, Khanna said the Delhi High Court had given them 16 weeks time to hold the elections and by that time, it will be done.

On August 16, the Delhi HC had placed the reins of the IOA in the hands of a three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA), "the erstwhile Executive Committee of IOA shall forthwith hand over the charge to the CoA" for day-to-day functioning.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Mohammedan SC enter Durand Cup quarters

KOLKATA: Kolkata giants Mohammedan Sporting became the first team to qualify for the quarterfinals of the Durand Cup after registering a 2-0 win over Indian Air Force 2-0. Goals from Senegalese defender Ousmane Ndiaye (33rd minute) and young forward Rahul Paswan (87th minute) helped the Black Panthers secure their spot in last eight.

Top discus thrower Navjeet fails dope test

NEW DELHI: Indian discus thrower Navjeet Kaur Dhillon has failed an out-of-competition dope test conducted abroad by Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) before the World Championships last month. Dhillon had won bronze at the 2018 Commonwealth Games but finished eighth in the Birmingham CWG. "Yes, she (Dhillon) has failed dope test conducted by AIU. If you try to cheat, you will get caught," a source said.

AIFF apologises to Gokulam Kerala

NEW DELHI: Gokulam Kerala owner VC Praveen said that the AIFF's "inefficiency" cost the club lakhs of rupees after the national federation apologised to the team for its removal from the AFC Women's Club Championship owing to the 11-day ban by FIFA. Gokulam Kerala were the worst affected by the FIFA ban as the team was not allowed to compete in the AFC club competition.

Liverpool hit nine to equal record, Haaland lifts City

LONDON: Liverpool equalled the Premier League's record win with a 9-0 demolition of Bournemouth, while Erling Haaland's hat-trick inspired Manchester City's comeback 4-2 victory against Crystal Palace. On a remarkable day in the top-flight, 10-man Chelsea beat Leicester 2-1, while Manchester United's revival continued with a 1-0 win at Southampton.

Top service for bronze medal at World C'ships

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

FIRST game in the bag, one more to go. Things were going according to the script for Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty during their semifinal match of the ongoing World Championships in Tokyo on Saturday. Up against Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik, a pair who had beaten them in all of their five previous meetings, it seemed like the stars had finally aligned for the history-making Indian duo to march even further in Tokyo.

But it was so near yet so far for the Indian duo. A day after they had become the first men's doubles pair to medal at the Worlds, they bowed out.

The World No 7 pair fought like warriors, they tried every shot in the book. But in the end, despite having their noses in front, they still fell agonisingly short. The duck against the

Malaysians remain.

In an epic battle that witnessed physical prowess of both the pairs, the Malaysians had other ideas after the change of ends. They upped the ante and always stayed in front (barring 10-10 at midway stage) with some attacking play. The Indians, though, were making it harder for their rivals with some smart play of their own. Tailing 14-10, the Indians fought back to obtain three consecutive points and make the contest interesting. However, with two game points to save, Chirag's racquet net broke and he tried to replace it. But that left Satwik exposed and the Malaysians duly made the advantage count to level the match.

Lady Luck was also not on their side during pressing times. One such occasion was during the third game when the score was 15-16.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

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E-Procurement Tender Notification (two cover system)
Service Charge Tender is invited from eligible contractors registered in Labour department for providing Man power services for the below mentioned work. sl.no.1)Details of Work:Providing Valvemans, Operators and other workers related to Water Supply for the period of One Year. INDENT NO:- TMC/ BELR/WSMP/2022-23 Estimate Cost(Rs. in Lakhs): 63.00 EMD Cost (Rs. in Lakhs) 1.58 Last Date & Time for submitting Tender: 06.09.2022 5.30 pm Date & Time for opening Technical Bid 08.09.2022 11.00 am For further details visit http:// eproc.karnataka.gov.in & contact water supply section during Office hours.

sd/-C.N. Dani President TMC, Belur
sd/- S.M. Sujaykumar Chief Officer TMC, Belur

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to notify the General Public that my client Mrs. G. KUSUMA has negotiated for purchase of below mentioned Property from its owners Mr. MOHAMED AJAZ AHMED S/o. Mohamed Nazir Ali and Mrs. RAHEEMUNNISSA W/o. Mohamed Ajaz Ahmed, both Residing at No. 309, 9th Cross, Duo Heights Layout, Begur, Bengaluru-560068. Any person/s, firms, banks, private sectors etc., having any claim/s, right, share or interest over the schedule property, shall file his/her/their/objections in writing along with original documents with the under signed within 07 days from the date of this publication. Any objections on and after 07 days, shall not be entertained & my client shall proceed with sale transaction, presuming that there are no claim/s what so ever of anyone over the property.

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SHORT TERM-TENDER NOTIFICATION
Sealed quotations are invited from Reputed/ Authorized firms for supply and installation of Equipment under AICTE/MODROBS Project Entitled "Set up Internet of Things (IoT) Lab" to MCA Dept. Details and specification of requirements can be downloaded from college website www.drait.edu.in or collect from the college store section. The filled Quotation shall be attached with a DD of Rs. 500/- drawn in favor of the Principal Dr.AIT, Bangalore-56.

Last date for downloading or collecting tender forms along with specifications from college website or store section is on or before 12.09.2022 and submit the sealed quotations on or before 13.09.2022 by 1.00 PM. Quotations will be opened on the same day i.e.13.09.2022 at 4.00 PM.

PRINCIPAL Secretary, PVPWT

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"E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION"
Tenders have been invited from registered Contractors / agencies, for works at various campuses of the University. The details of the tender can be had through e-procurement portal (<http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>). For more details please contact 0836-2214214/332 during office hours. Interested agencies need to register with the e-Procurement portal for participating in the tender. For details of registration please contact Ph. No: 080-46010000.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1. Last Date & Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications	01-09-2022	Up to	16:00 Hrs
2. Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders	03-09-2022	Up to	16:00 Hrs
3. Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid.	05-09-2022	At	16:15 Hrs

Note: The bidders shall get updated / acquainted with ADDENDUM / CORRIGENDUM (if any) issued on-line from time to time on the e-procurement portal during the entire tender process.

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Short Term Tender Notification No: 10/2022-23, Dated: 26-08-2022
On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Dept, Chamaraajanagara Division, Chamaraajanagara Invites from eligible NGO's for Services of **Providing Services Of Senior Analyst, Microbiologist, Analyst, Junior Analyst, Sample Cell Incharge, Water Sample Collector, Junior Microbiologist, Microbiology Lab Attender, House Keeping Staff & Geologist To District And Taluk Water Quality Testing Laboratories On Outsourcing Basis in RDW&SD, Chamaraajanagara District.** To Water Quality Testing Laboratories. The eligible bidders are required to submit through E-Procurement mode through portal with EMD Rs. 50,000. Tenders are invited through E-procurement Portal only. Downloading of document through e portal: 29-08-2022 @ 11.00 hrs. Last Date & Time to upload the Bid: 12-09-2022 @ 17.00 hrs. Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: 14-09-2022 @ 11.00 hrs, Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: Will be opened after Successful Technical Evaluation. For more details this office may please be contacted during office hours and also through <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> by clicking List of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works

Sd/-Executive Engineer RDW&S Department Chamaraajanagara Division, Chamaraajanagara

DIPR:CHANAGAR:271:2022:23

GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
ELECTRICAL DIVISION
Request for Proposal (RFP)
RFP Tender Notice No.04/2022-23/SE(works1)/EE(Elec). Dt:26.08.2022

Number of works : 1 No
Tender Downloading Starting Date : 27-08-2022
Closing Date : 12-09-2022

Note: Further details at <http://www.tender.apecurement.gov.in>
EE(Electrical) Cell No.99480 78504
SE(Works1) Cell No.81878 96437 SE(WORKS I)

ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ Canara Bank
No 1135, Ground Floor, 17th Cross 80 feet Road, Sector 7 HSR Layout Bengaluru 560102, T : 080-25723483, 080-25727173, Email:cd2673@canarabank.com
(A Government Of India Undertaking) www.canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [See Rule 8(1) of SARFAESI RULES]
Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank, HSR Layout Branch, Bengaluru**, under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagees / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor/ having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor/ and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates. The Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor/ in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank**, for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantor/ Mortgagor Mr Ramamurthy S and Mrs Gayathri, No 43, 8th C Cross, III Main, Venkatapura Layout, I Block Bangalore 560034.
Demand Notice Dated : 06.05.2022 Possession Notice Date: 26.08.2022
Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.18,45,631.93 (Rupees. Eighteen Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty One and Paise Ninety Three Only) and interest thereon

Description of the Immovable Property
Property standing in the name of Mr S Ramamurthy. All that piece and parcel of RCC building constructed on property No 43, (old No 48/8), P.I.D No 66-105-43, 3rd Main Road, 8th C Cross Road, Jakkasandra/Venkatapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, B.B.M.P Ward No 173, Bangalore 560034 measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 60 feet and bounded by: East: House List No 2, West by: House List No 4, North By : 20 feet width road, South by : House List No 14.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantor/ Mortgagor: Mr Venkata R C Murthy Kurupati And Mrs Sirisha Rompicherla (Jointly), Residing At: No.65, Lakshmi Nivas, Bir Garden, Kudlu Main Road, Bangalore 560088
Demand Notice Dated: 06.05.2022 Possession Notice Date: 26.08.2022
Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.28,17,427.95 (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Seven and Paise Ninety Five Only) and interest thereon

Description of the Immovable Property
Property standing in the name of Sri Venkata RC Murthy and Mrs Sirisha Rompicherla (Jointly), all that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No 110 situated in First Floor of the residential apartment building by name "NSR SAROVAR" and the apartment measuring 1054 sq ft of super built up area including proportionate share in common areas with one covered car parking in still floor along with 354 sq ft of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in all in the converted land bearing sy no 217 and BBMP Khata No 56 and measuring totally 21291 sq ft or 1978.72 sq mtrs situated at Kudlu Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal taluk and duly converted for non agricultural residential purpose by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist. Bangalore vide his orders bearing no ALN(A)/S/SR 56/2011-12 dt 17.09.2011 and bounded by: East: Land Bearing Sy No 27 and 28, West: Road, North: Remaining portion of land bearing Sy No 217 and South: Land bearing Sy No 31, and the apartment is bounded by East: open to Sky and thereafter Plot No 111, West By: Open to Sky and Thereafter Plot No 109, North: By Corridor, South by: Open to Sky.

Date : 26.08.2022
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer Canara Bank

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, BENGALURU
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
Jeevan Mangal Building, II Floor, No. 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru: 560 025

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION UNDER RULE 53 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993.
DRC No.890/2019 in TA No.1655/2017 CANARA Bank

vs
M/s. Narayans Punjabi Tandoor and Others

1. Narayan's Punjabi Tandoor, Partnership Firm, at No.683/A, Above Talwar's, Near Dalmia Circle, 2nd Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru-560078. Also at: # 1173, Shobha Apartment, 24th Main, J.P. Nagar 6th Phase, Bengaluru-560078 Represented by its Partners A) Mrs. GreshmalMithun and B) Mrs. Debnani Gosh.

2. Mrs. GreshmalMithun, W/o Sri Mithun S Narayan, Partner, M/s Narayans Punjabi Tandoor, # 1173, Shobha Apartment, 24th Main, J.P. Nagar 6th Phase, Bengaluru-560078.

3. Mrs. Debnani Gosh, W/o Dr. BhaskarRanjin Gosh, Partner, M/s Narayans Punjabi Tandoor, No. 1720, 9" Main, Hebbal II Stage Bengaluru-560017

4. Sri Mithun S Narayan, S/o Sri Sathy Narayana, # 1173, Shobha Apartment, 24th Main, J.P. Nagar 6th Phase, Bengaluru-560078

...CERTIFICATE DEBTORS
Whereas in execution of certificate DRC No.890/2019 in TA No.1655/2017 drawn up by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore, the undersigned has ordered the sale of the under mentioned schedule immovable property.

This is hereby informed that a day on or after the 15th day from the date of serving this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

SPECIFICATION OF PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the plot bearing Sy No. 355, Plot No. 277-E at Hebbal Industrial Area, Hebbal Village, Mysore Taluk & District, Total measurement: 10195sq. Mtrs. and bounded on East by: KIADB Road, West by: Plot No. 278-B, North by: Plot No. 277-D, South by: Plot No. 277-F. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, this 17th August, 2022 Sd/-

RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BANGALORE

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ನಿಗಮ
ಮಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಸಾ/ಮಂ/ಸಂ/ಸಾ/1474/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.08.2022

ಇ-ಬೆಂಚರ್ / ಸಂಧಾನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಸಂ.07/2022-23
(ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ರೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ / ಮ್ಯಾನುಯಲ್ ಸಂಧಾನ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಕ.ರಾ.ಸಾ. ನಿಗಮ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಬಸ್ಸು ನಿಲ್ದಾಣ ಮತ್ತು ಉದ್ಯಮ ನಗರ ಬಸ್ಸು ನಿಲ್ದಾಣಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಮಳಿಗೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಡಾ. ವಿ.ಎಸ್. ಆಚಾರ್ಯ ಬಸ್ಸು ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಮಾನವ ಶೂಕ ಯಂತ್ರ ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಪರವಾನಗಿದಾರರನ್ನು ಅನ್ವಯ ಮಾಡಿ ಪರವಾನಗಿ ನೀಡಲು ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ರೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಇ-ಬೆಂಚರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ-ಬೆಂಚರ್ ದ ಸಾಬೀತುಗೊಳ್ಳುವ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ರೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ <https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in> ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

ಇ-ಬೆಂಚರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವವರು ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ರೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ನಿಗದಿತ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14.09.2022, 16.00 ಗಂಟೆ. ಇ-ಬೆಂಚರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.09.2022, ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12.00 ಗಂಟೆ (ಯಾವುದೇ ಶಾಂತಿ ದಿನವಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೂ).

ಉದ್ಯಮಿ ಡಾ.ವಿ.ಎಸ್.ಬಸ್ಸು ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲಿಯಿರುವ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಮಳಿಗೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ದ್ವಿಚಕ್ರ/ಕಾರು ನಿಲುಗಡೆ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಗೆ ಪರವಾನಗಿದಾರರನ್ನು ಅನ್ವಯ ಮಾಡಲು ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ಸಂಧಾನ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತರು ನಿಗದಿತ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಹುಲ್ಲು ಮತ್ತು ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವ ಜಿಎಸ್‌ಟಿ (ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಕೃತ ವ್ಯಾಂಕನಿಂದ ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪರವಾನಗಿ ಪಡೆದು) ಡಿ.ಡಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಪರತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.09.2022 ರಂದು 12.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಪಡೆದು ಸರದಿ ದಿನದಂದು ಸಮಯ 12.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ನಿಗದಿತದಿಸಿರುವ ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ಸಂಧಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದ್ದು.

ಪೈಪ್‌ಲೈನ್ ವಿವರಗಳಾಗಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕ.ರಾ.ಸಾ. ನಿಗಮ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮಂಗಳೂರು 575004, ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅಪರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಲು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಸಂಚಾರ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ 7760990702 & ಸಹಾಯಕ ಸಂಚಾರ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು 7760990711.

ಸಹಿ/-
ಹಿರಿಯ ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರಾಗಿ,
ಕ.ರಾ.ಸಾ. ನಿಗಮ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು

ಮ.ಸಂ.ಸಂ/ವಿ.ಸಂ/1991/ವಿ.ಸಂ/23-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ನಿಗಮ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು



Stinking piles of garbage on the streets of Edinburgh are threatening the health and safety of the public, a health authority warned Saturday as strikes by garbage collectors moved into their ninth day



Federal agents in Memphis have seized a potentially 3,000-year-old ancient Egyptian canopic jar lid of the funeral deity named Imsety that was shipped in from Europe

ACCIDENTAL DISCOVERY: PENICILLIN

What happened in 1928 to Scottish physician **Alexander Fleming** is one of the classic stories of accidental drug discovery

Fleming went on holiday, leaving some cultures of the bacterium *streptococcus* on his laboratory bench. When he came back, he saw some airborne penicillium (a fungal contaminant) had stopped the *streptococcus* (bacteria) from growing

EXPERIMENTS WITH THE MEDICINE

Australian pathologist Howard Florey and his team stabilised penicillin and carried out the first human experiments

AN IMPORTANT INVENTION

With American financing, penicillin was mass-produced and changed the course of World War II. It was used to treat thousands of service personnel

DRUG-RESISTANT STRAINS OF BACTERIA

Penicillin and its descendants are enormously successful front-line drugs for conditions that once killed millions of people. However, their widespread use has led to drug-resistant strains of bacteria

A technician preparing penicillin in 1943

EXFILE • SCIENCE



Medical inventions that changed the world

It's hard to measure the impact of any one medicine on the world history. But here are some of them which made a huge difference to our lives, often in ways we didn't expect

ANAESTHESIA

In the late 1700s, English chemist Joseph Priestley made a gas he called "phlogisticated nitrous air" (nitrous oxide). English chemist Humphry Davy thought it could be used as pain relief in surgery

1834: FORMATION OF CHLOROFORM

It wasn't until 1834 that we reached another milestone. That's when French chemist Jean-Baptiste Dumas named a new gas chloroform. Scottish doctor James Young Simpson used it in 1847 to assist a birth

A NECESSARY EVIL

● Soon anaesthesia was more widely used during surgery, bringing better recovery rates. Before anaesthesia, surgical patients would often die of shock from the pain.

● But any drug that can make people unconscious can also cause harm. Modern anaesthetics are still dangerous because of the risks of suppressing the nervous system



Nitroglycerin in three different forms: intravenous, sublingual spray, and the nitroglycerin patch.

NITROGLYCERIN

Nitroglycerin was invented in 1847 and displaced gunpowder as the most powerful explosive in the world. It was also the first modern drug to treat angina, the chest pain associated with heart disease

Factory workers exposed to the explosive began to experience headaches and flushing in the face. This was because nitroglycerin dilates (opens) the blood vessels



A RELIEF FOR ANGINA PATIENTS

London physician William Murrell experimented with nitroglycerin on himself and tried it on his angina patients. They got almost immediate relief

A BETTER WORLD

Nitroglycerin made it possible for millions with angina to live relatively normal lives. It also paved the way for medications such as blood pressure-lowering drugs, beta-blockers and statins

U.N. HIGH SEAS TALKS FAIL TO REACH AN AGREEMENT

After 15 years, including four prior formal sessions, negotiators have yet to reach a legally binding text to address the issues facing international waters

CLIMATE

UNITED NATIONS: UN member states ended two weeks of negotiations Friday without a treaty to protect biodiversity in the high seas, an agreement that would have addressed growing environmental and economic challenges.

After 15 years, including four prior formal sessions, negotiators have yet to reach a legally binding text to address the multitude of issues facing international waters—a zone that encompasses almost half the planet.

"Although we did make excel-

lent progress, we still do need a little bit more time to progress towards the finish line," said conference chair Rena Lee.

It will now be up to the UN General Assembly to resume the fifth session at a date still to be determined.

Many had hoped the session, which began on August 15 at the United Nations headquarters in New York, would be the last and yield a final text on "the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction," or BBNJ for short.

"While it's disappointing that the treaty wasn't finalised

during the past two weeks of negotiations, we remain encouraged by the progress that was made," said Liz Karan of the NGO Pew Charitable Trusts, calling for a new session by the end of the year.

One of the most sensitive issues in the text revolved around the sharing of possible profits from the development of genetic resources in international waters, where pharmaceutical, chemical and cosmetic companies hope to find miracle drugs, products or cures.

Such costly research at sea is largely the prerogative of rich nations, but developing coun-



tries do not want to be left out of potential windfall profits drawn from marine resources that belong to no one.

Similar issues of equity arise in other international negotiations, such as on climate change, in which developing

nations that feel outsized harm from global warming have tried in vain to get wealthier countries to help pay to offset those impacts. The high seas begin at the border of a nation's exclusive economic zone (EEZ)—which by international law reaches no more than 200 nautical miles (370 kilometres) from its coast—and are under no state's jurisdiction.

Sixty per cent of the world's oceans fall under this category. And while healthy marine ecosystems are crucial to the future of humanity, particularly to limit global warming, only one per cent of international

waters are protected.

One of the key pillars of an eventual BBNJ treaty is to allow the creation of marine protected areas, which many nations hope will cover 30% of the Earth's ocean by 2030.

"Without establishing protections in this vast area, we will not be able to meet our ambitious and necessary 30 by 30 goal," US State Department official Maxine Burkett said at an earlier press conference.

But delegations still disagree on the process for creating these protected areas as well as how required environmental impact assessments will be im-

plemented before new high seas activity begins.

"What a missed opportunity..." tweeted Klaudija Cremers, a researcher at the IDDRI think tank, which, like multiple other NGOs, has a seat with observer status at the negotiations.

The delegate from Samoa, addressing the conference on behalf of the smaller developing island nations of the Pacific, said they were "disappointed." "We live very far and it is not cheap to travel all this way. This money was not spent on roads, on medicine, schools," she added.

France to keep eye on electricity cost

ENERGY

PARIS: France's finance minister pledged Saturday to keep electricity costs in check for consumers as European energy prices soar.

The Paris government has put in place an energy price cap to shield households until December 31 and Bruno Le Maire said that next year, expected hikes would be "contained increases".

"The four per cent cap will be maintained to the end of the year," he told a ruling coalition conference in the eastern city of Metz.

"There will be no catch-up of costs on the ceiling in 2023," he vowed after President Emmanuel Macron had on Wednesday warned of energy price hikes.

Le Maire also said access to a three billion euro fund for businesses unable to meet energy bills would be made easier. European electricity prices soared to new records this week, presaging a bitter winter as Russia's invasion of Ukraine inflicts economic pain across the continent.

But the war is not the only culprit in France, where nu-

clear energy currently covers some 70% of the nation's electricity needs. The shutdown of several nuclear reactors due to corrosion issues has contributed to the French electricity price increase.

Traditionally an exporter of electricity, France is now an importer. The year-ahead contract for French electricity on Friday surged past 1,100 euros per megawatt hour—a more than tenfold increase on last year. In Britain, energy

regulator Ofgem said it would increase the electricity and gas price cap almost two-fold from October 1 to an average £3,549 per year. Ofgem blamed the increase on the spike in global wholesale gas prices after the lifting of Covid restrictions and Russian supply curbs.

Energy prices have soared in Europe as Russia has slashed natural gas supplies, with fears of more drastic cuts ahead amid tensions between Moscow and the West over the war.

One-fifth of European electricity is generated by gas-fired power plants, so drops in supply inevitably lead to higher prices.



HAPPY TO BE FED

Volunteer Tosapol Prayoonsuk feeds a baby dolphin nicknamed Paradon with milk at the Marine and Coastal Resources Research and Development Center in Rayong province in eastern Thailand on Friday | AP

US witnesses weather whiplash

ENVIRONMENT

LOS ANGELES: A series of "once-in-a-millennium" rainstorms have lashed the United States in recent weeks, flood-ing areas baked dry by long-term droughts, as human-caused climate change brings weather whiplash.

And scientists warn that global warming means once-rare events are already much more

likely, upending the models they have long used to predict possible disasters—with worse to come.

At least 40 people have been killed in the last month by storms in Kentucky, Illinois, Texas and Missouri, inundating areas that in some cases had seen little to no rain for months.

Up to 30 centimeters fell in one of these storms—the kind

of downpour that statistical models say should only happen once in a thousand years.

"This is 'weather whiplash,'" tweeted Peter Gleick, co-founder of the Pacific Institute, a non-governmental organisation. It is "caused by an intensification of the global hydrological cycle & how it distributes water around the planet, influenced by human-caused climate change."

FACT OF THE MATTER

Plans to stop sewage defended



ENVIRONMENT

Britain's environment minister on Saturday defended government plans to tackle sewage releases into rivers and sea, after opposition parties and environmentalists slammed the measures as costly for consumers. Recent discharges of sewage into popular river and sea bathing areas have prompted widespread horror among the public, as well as alarm over waters shared with the EU. The European Commission said it will soon reply to complaints received from MEPs about British sewage allegedly being poured into waters shared with the EU. The environment secretary, said that the current government was the first to "really grip" the problems connected to the "Victorian sewage infrastructure".

Racial gaps in vaccine revealed



HEALTH

The Biden administration said Friday there's enough monkeypox vaccine available now but health officials say the shots aren't getting to some of the people who need the protection the most. About 10% of monkeypox vaccine doses have been given to Black people, even though they account for one-third of US cases, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The new numbers come from 17 states and two cities, and represent comprehensive details on who has been getting the vaccines. Experts have offered several possible explanations for the disparity. It may be related to how and where shots are being offered and publicised.

MOURNING THE LOSS

Dead fish and depression on the banks of the Oder

MARINE LIFE

CIGACICE: Appearing tired and stressed, Piotr Wloch looks out dejectedly at his empty tourist boats on the Oder river after an environmental disaster that has killed thousands of fish.

Like many local businesses, Wloch has seen bookings plunge by 90% following the as yet unexplained catastrophe on the lush banks of a river between Poland and Germany.

"I'm just starting to realise the scale of what happened," Wloch told AFP.

"Yesterday, I slept all day be-



cause I was depressed, unable to move," he said.

In the empty tourist marina of Cigacice in Poland, firefighters in a rubber dinghy are still

removing dead fish while environmental agency workers take water samples for tests.

The stench of dead fish fills the air.

Between 200 and 300 kilograms of dead fish have been removed in Cigacice in the past few days—out of around 300 tonnes in total from the Oder since the start of August, officials said.

"Everyone is afraid. Only some curious people pop in to have a look, but life has stopped," said Lukasz Duch, director of a local sports centre.

"Before the pollution, on a good weekend, Cigacice would draw between 5,000 and 10,000 tourists. 'This place was full of life... Now businesses are making nothing in high season,' he said.

While the first signs of pollution appeared at the end of July, the area around Cigacice was only affected on August 8.

Thousands of dead fish began appearing in the water. In the region as a whole, residents and firefighters rushed to their river in an effort to clean it up.

Poland's government only reacted on August 12, sparking widespread criticism from both local Polish authorities and Germany. "If we had the information two weeks earlier, we would have prepared," said Wojciech Soltys, the mayor of Sulechów, the municipality where Cigacice is located.

Peak tram back on track in HK

TOURISM

The Peak Tram, Hong Kong's famed public transport and a popular tourist draw, reopened Saturday after a year-long \$102 million facelift even as the city's coronavirus curbs continue to keep overseas visitors at bay. The historic funicular, which dates back to 1888 and offers panoramic views of Hong Kong Island's famous skyline as it ascends to Victoria Peak, used to draw over six million visitors a year, according to its operator. The latest makeover brought more spacious tramcars that accommodate 210 passengers, a full overhaul of its rail systems and a redesigned terminus at the heart of Hong Kong's central business district. The Peak Tram closed for upgrades in June 2021, a period when the Chinese finance hub's strict border controls—in line with Beijing's zero-Covid strategy—all but wiped out its tourism industry.

